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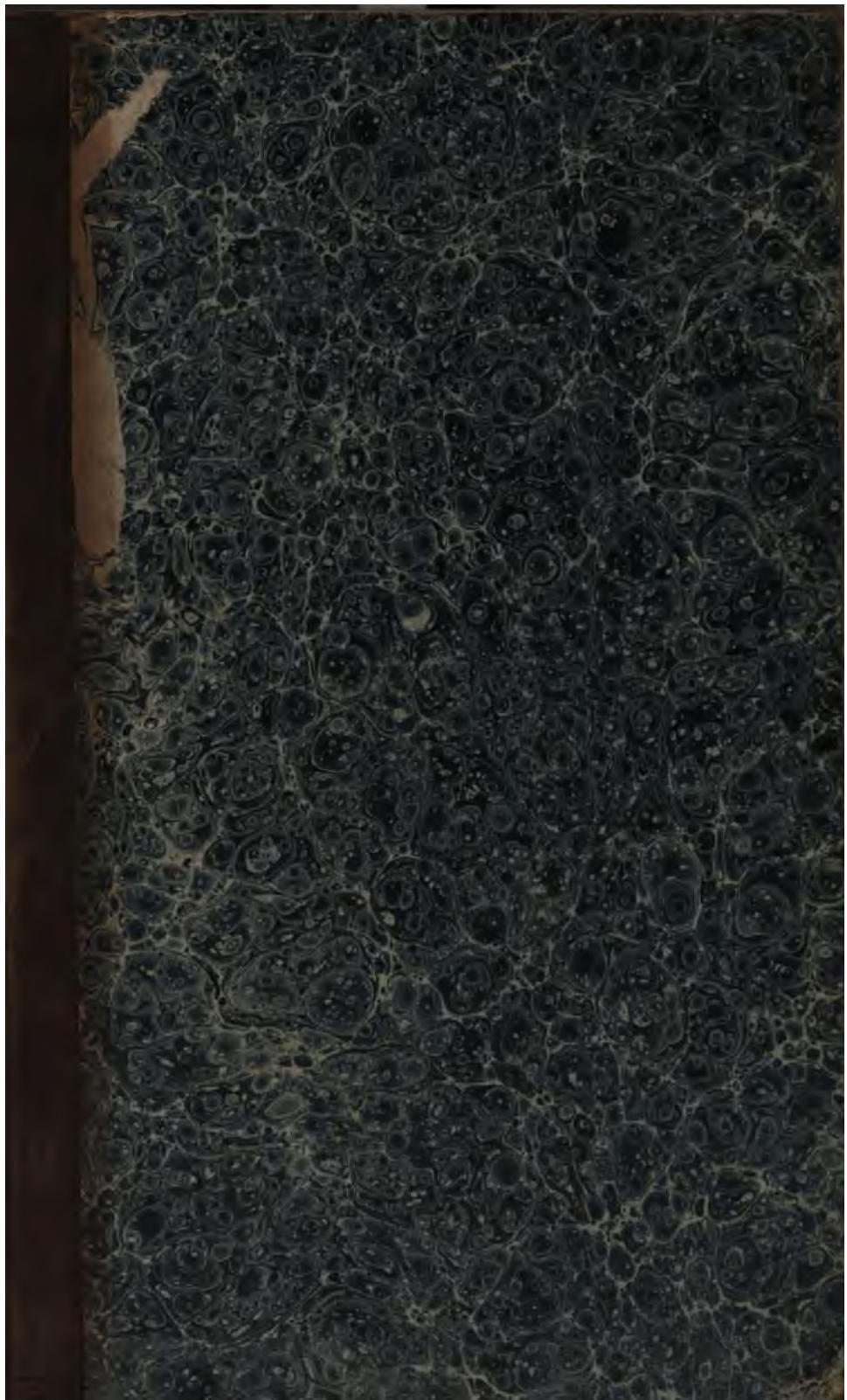
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BUONAPARTE,  
THE ROYAL EXCHANGE,  
ODES OF HORACE,

ETC. ETC.

BY

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AUTHOR OF A VERSION OF ANACREON, ETC. ETC.



"How are the Mighty fallen!"—*2 Sam. i. v. 19.*

"O People, Nations, and Languages."—*Dan. iii. v. 4.*

"O decus Phœbi, et dapibus supremi  
Grata testudo Jovis, O laborum  
Dulce lenimen, mihi cunque salve  
Rite vocanti."

HOR. B. I. ODE 32.

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TO  
ALDERMAN THOMAS JOHNSON.

WORTHY SIR,

HAVING had the honour of being known to you during thirty years, allow me to congratulate you upon your retirement from the Majesterial-chair of the first commercial City in the world; your elevation to which may justly be considered as having been the honourable reward of personal-worth and mercantile-integrity.

Your election, under circumstances which rejoiced every lover of order and the decencies of civilized-life, however liberal his political-sentiments and religious-opinions might have been, became a salutary reproof to that licentiousness of expression in which public-writers, most lamentably for the morals of the country, too frequently indulge; and will effect more to repress blasphemy and sedition than all the terrors of legal-prosecution.

On your retirement from the arduous duties of Lord Mayor of London, allow me to express my hope that many years of repose await you before your exemplar of consistency of character shall be completed in the world.

I beg to remain,

WORTHY SIR,

Your very humble Servant,

JAMES USHER.

# BUONAPATÉ, THE ROYAL EXCHANGE,

## ODES OF HORACE,

ETC. ETC.

### NAPOLEONE BUONAPARTE.

The chief I sing, whose meteor blaze  
Scar'd nations in these latter days ;  
Who seiz'd the spirit of his time,  
Enthusiasm produc'd by Crime.  
And Europe's Kings in dust abas'd,  
Their kingdoms from their station raz'd,  
For Pride, destruction's power, shall call,  
A haughty spirit claims a fall.

By tyrant-rule to frenzy wrought,  
France in her madness Europe caught,  
And the world's order was revers'd,  
By those to whom was Freedom curs'd :  
For History shall prolong their stench,  
No race ferocious as the French ;  
New Zealand cannibals come here,  
See Savages you'd scorn to peer ;  
You kill to feast upon the slain,  
The French to gloat upon their pain.

Let Europe timely warning take,  
Ne'er suffer faction's power t'awake.  
Look on Columbia's wild domains,  
Where democratic-phrenzy reigns,  
Where Lynch's law, and slavery's curse,  
The fiendish passions keep at nurse.

When, envious of Great Britain's weal,  
Gaul sought a spiteful blow to deal ;  
And colonies, which Britain's wealth  
Had nourish'd into vigorous health,  
Excited 'gainst the parent-state  
Allegiance due t'exchange for hate ;  
The way was shewn for lawless might,  
In retribution's-power t'alight ;  
Her institutions all t'o'erthrow,  
And fill the land with crime and woe.  
The scourge of Europe to become,  
And scarce leave Liberty a home ;  
Till Napoleon's mighty soul  
Subjected frenzy to control  
The human billows in their pride,  
O'er Europe caus'd to pour their tide.

When Revolution's sanguine flood,  
O'er all the country curdling stood,  
'Twas thine the deluge foul t'abate,  
To order to convert the state ;  
And all may thank the warrior's hand,  
Which bade Convulsion's demon stand ;

For vacant then the throne of right,  
But waited for the soul of might,  
And that which was possess'd by none,  
Th' Adventurer well might claim his own.  
Thy title surely was as good  
As Philip's, though of Bourbon-blood.

To name thy conquests, what th' avail ?  
For thy renown shall never fail.  
Toulon first saw thy glory blaze,  
When forc'd the English from the place,  
Fame pledg'd thee then the Gallic-boast,  
O'er Europe to conduct their host,  
All Europe's institutions shake,  
Her energies anew t'awake ;  
And then, effect of dire excess,  
Of confidence from long success,  
Thy conquests all away to throw  
In Russia's deadly waste of snow ;  
When point d'appui did not remain  
Through fatal treach'ry towards Spain,  
Until, at Waterloo's blood-field,  
The doom of Europe was repeal'd.  
At Wilna, had'st thou check'd thine haste  
Infatuate, 'till had winter pass'd,  
Magog unseated from his throne,  
Moscovia had been all thine own !

Thy fraud and force alike were vain,  
To consummate the doom of Spain.  
The blood which o'er the land was shed,  
Was challeng'd on thy treach'rous head,  
And retribution rend'red Spain  
An ulcer, all thy power to drain.  
Nor Spain alone thy treach'ry knew ;  
The guests to France, thy fame which drew,  
Usurp'd from all which life holds dear,  
Were kept in thraldom's gripe severe.  
And here was retribution plain  
As in thy perfidy to Spain.  
From wife, and heir, and climate mild,  
To sea-girt rock thou wert exil'd,  
Where burning sunbeams o'er thy head,  
And burning thoughts, corrosion bred.

Yet Englishmen must never plead  
The banishment by law decreed  
No moral-burthen human-state  
Can constitute or abrogate ;  
Stern truth will never be gainsay'd,  
England thy confidence betray'd.

For, England's honour claim'd thy trust,  
From England was thy doom unjust,  
But sovereign justice, that decreed  
To render retribution's meed.  
For on this earth, though treason's seat,  
Its doom doth treason often meet.

Vengeance is mine, proclaims the Lord,  
By me, is retribution stor'd;  
At peril, mortals vain oppress,  
At peril, too, usurp redress.

But in calm life, not on the throne,  
Must human character be known.  
Napoleone! There thy gentle-mind  
For ever watch'd an office kind;  
Nor e'er didst thou, 'midst utmost strife,  
Lose the fond sympathies of life.  
The rage of warfare long hath ceas'd,  
And mutual wrongs have been appeas'd.  
Let History on the judgment-seat,  
Th' impartial summing-up repeat.  
From court, weak prejudice retire,  
Calm'd foes, thy gallantry admire.

When Europe's wars had nearly clos'd,  
The gallic-tactics were expos'd;  
Where food for fire was ne'er denied,  
Thought to crush hundreds thousands died.  
Urge forward still the deep array,  
Cost what it will to win the day ;  
Unlike the dauntless British line,  
Where single enemies combine,  
In purpose not to be repeal'd,  
Each individual claims the field.

And, Britain, Providence ordain'd,  
By thee, dominions should be gain'd ;  
For had but Grouchy brav'd defeat,  
Thy victory p'rhaps were not complete ;  
The laurels with'red on his brows  
Ere Sol to the meridian rose.

Give me the man whose deeds evince  
Th' allegiance which he bears his Prince ;  
Whose heart is ever quick to feel  
The right occasion for warm zeal.  
Nor order calmly waits exact  
With energy when bound to act,  
And when e'en treason is not worse  
Than hesitation's certain curse.  
Which prince and friend the fatal hour,  
Leaves struggling with destruction's power.  
Unlike the dog, whose zeal sincere  
Defies restraint with danger near.  
At Waterloo thine honour slain,  
Shall, Grouchy, never breathe again.

Why, Wellington, with patience dire,  
Stood'st thou so long the havoc fire ?  
More heroes thou could'st not have lost,  
If storm'd the cannon at their cost,  
And won the field at noon-day fight  
Completely as at fall of night.  
For what 'gainst Britons can prevail  
Unless artillery burst in hail ?

But Britons would not yield the plain,  
Though nine of ten were struck or slain.

Had, Britain, thou but duly weigh'd  
The power which in thy hands was laid,  
The mighty energies of mind,  
That with Napoleone were enshrin'd,  
And sent him western wilds to range,  
And anarchy to order change;  
Or light on prejudice to pour,  
And China to the world restore,  
What energies had been awoke,  
Now held in mental-thraldom's yoke !  
For trade, what op'nings been set wide,  
Now clos'd 'gainst the commercial tide.  
What tyranny had been o'erthrown,  
In people vested, or in one !  
All these a thousand years may sleep,  
Now settled in stagnation deep.

Though strange it seem, not more than true,  
Convulsion, order must renew ;  
This world, ordain'd the seat of strife,  
Its functions must be rous'd to life ;  
E'en matter, though it lies as dead,  
Ferments, and lifts its pond'rous head,  
And like a living soul awake,  
Seems vital-energy to take.

But timid Britain held the prize  
In useless grasp, unjust, unwise ;  
As like a vixen she would say,  
Should Europe dare to cross her way,  
You'll rue the day which rous'd my rage,  
And loos'd the lion from his cage.

His lion-heart was not appall'd  
Though by the lion's grasp entrall'd,  
Had length of life not been denied,  
Or soon or late he'd ris'n in pride,  
And shewn he was not kept in awe,  
E'en by the lion's gaping jaw.  
But expectation's with'ring mood,  
His vital energy subdu'd.

What, Britain, could thy fear beguile  
T'enclose him in the lonesome Isle ?  
Thou didst but share the gen'ral fear,  
Which sat a night-mare on the sphere.  
The world it may be truly said,  
Of Napoleone was afraid !

#### THE CONFLAGRATION.

In the City sits Commerce in sorrow pro-  
found,  
The Temple of Mammon is burnt to the  
ground,  
And all the Queen's subjects from east-end  
to west  
At such a disaster are sorely distressed.

But our Queen gives her pleasure this  
temple shall rise,

In splendour surpassing all else 'neath the skies,  
And Catholic, Protestant, Moslem, and Jew,  
Their vows to great Mammon therein shall renew.

Not Nebuchadnezzar's great image of gold,  
Such a strange congregation e'en once could behold;  
In the middle was Babel's profusion of tongues,  
While the chimes in the steeple play'd sociable songs.

Shadrach, Meshec, Abednego, worthies indeed,  
Shall never a proselyte make to their creed;  
For Protestant, Catholic, Moslem, and Jew,  
All hasten unanimous vows to renew.

Flute, sackbut, harp, psalt'ry, nor dulcimer light,  
Like the charm of self-int'rest their zeal can excite;  
For Protestant, Catholic, Moslem, and Jew,  
Fall down, as by instinct, when Mammon they view.

No need of a furnace once heated seven-fold,  
Their zeal to enkindle for mammon of gold;  
For Protestant, Catholic, Moslem, and Jew,  
Great Mammon! alike are thy worshippers true.

But the time is fast coming when gold the most pure,  
Not the test of one furnace intense shall endure:  
That, as light as Bank paper, in vapour shall rise,  
And vanish to nothing along with the skies.

Time's not indeed distant when from the whole world,  
As from a vast censer, shall incense be curl'd;  
Then Protestant, Catholic, Moslem, and Jew,  
Shall be offer'd to Mammon in sacrifice due.

All hail to great Mammon, o'er this world who reigns  
By the magic of int'rest, all things that ordains;  
Pagan, Protestant, Catholic, Moslem, and Jew,  
No matter what else, are thy worshippers true.

Make a friend of the mammon o'er this world who rules,  
Light's children, with mammon's compar'd, are but fools;  
When all fails beside, deep-reserve is in store,  
All may that will enter, it still craves for more.

Make a sure friend of mammon, warm orthodox souls,  
That when Death awaits you, which all flesh controls,  
Your good-deeds before you, as incense may rise,  
Those here whom you succour'd, to meet 'yond the skies.

#### HORACE, B. I. ODE 4.

##### *To Sestius.*

The Poet exhorts him to pleasure on consideration of the approach of Spring and the brevity of Human Life.

Stern Winter's mellowing by degrees,  
Through changeful Spring and Western-breeze;

Huge engines haul the ships from shore;  
The homestead cattle seek no more,  
Nor Ploughman doth his hearth delight,  
Nor frosts invest the meads with white,  
By moonlight, Venus leads the dance,  
The Graces and blythe Nymphs advance,  
The greensward with alternate feet  
To the soft timbrel's measure beat,  
While Vulcan bids the forges glow,  
And Cyclops to their labour go.

It now behoves the jovial brows  
To deck with fragrant myrtle-boughs,  
Or such gay flowers as doth relent  
Kind earth to give them nourishment.

To faunus, in the grove, devote  
A lamb, or sucking of the goat;  
For ghastly Death, with equal stride,  
Prevails o'er poverty and pride.

O favour'd Sestius, brief the sum  
Fond life admits us to presume;  
Soon darkness waits us, and the ghosts  
Oft talk'd of, Pluto's dreary coasts,  
Where dice no longer shall decide,  
Who must our toast-master preside;  
Soft Lycia you no more admire,  
Whom girls all envy—men desire.

#### HORACE, B. I. ODE 5.

##### *To Pyrrha.*

That miserable are those captivated by her charms;  
as for himself, he has escaped them as from Ship-wreck.

What youth genteel, bedew'd with sweets  
In roseate-bowers, blythe Pyrrha greets,  
For whom your auburn locks you bind  
With simplest grace, love's toils design'd?  
Alas! how oft shall broken vows,  
And changeful powers, his heart oppose;  
How shall he gaze on raging seas,  
The placid stream who sails at ease,

And hopes kind constancy to prove,  
No storm to cross the course of love !

Devoted youth ! Thy woe's to come.  
I have already met my doom.  
In Neptune's fane, a votive-plate  
Shews whence my dropping robes I date.

T O P Y R R H A.  
*Another Version.*

What youth genteel, whom odours dew,  
Delightful Pyrrha, sports with you,  
Where roses breathe perfume ?  
With simplest grace your auburn hair,  
Each toil for passion fond, prepare  
To best ensure his doom.

2.

Alas ! How oft perfidious love,  
And changeful powers, he'll surely prove,  
And treach'rous seas declaim :  
Who, credulous, with ardent joys,  
Your constancy, he thinks, employs,  
Fond love's ingenuous flame !

3.

Like him who trusts the ocean's calm,  
And thinks th' inconstant winds to qualm,  
And on the waves repose ;  
My shipwreck, undergone of late,  
My dropping vest, my votive-plate,  
Dread Neptune's walls disclose.

HORACE, B. 1. ODE 9.

*To Thaliarchus,*

Whom Horace exhorts to pass the Winter  
cheerfully.

You see Soracte's alpine-height,  
With gath'ring snows stands clad in white,  
Nor labouring woods the weight can bear,  
Streams stagnate in the gelid air.  
Dissolve the frost of winter's dearth,  
With billets pile the social hearth,  
Free Thaliarchus, now draw forth  
Rich Sabine juice of four years' birth,  
Leave to the guardian powers the rest,  
Who gusts tempestuous have suppress'd  
With fervid ocean late which strove,  
Nor cypress now, nor ash-trees move.  
Avoid to-morrow's luck t'enquire  
What fortune shall bestow, admire,  
Count it a token sure for gain ;  
Nor, since a jocund youth, disdain  
In love's delightful sports t' engage,  
While hoariness shuns blooming age.  
To Horse-guards and the Mall repair,  
Soft whisp rings with th' appointed fair ;  
Let the delightful laugh betray  
The damsel hiding for your play ;  
With token from her finger won,  
She vows t' have set her heart upon.

HORACE, B. 1. ODE 11.  
*To Leuconoe.*

Leuconoe, it would not be well  
Our term of life ev'n could we spell,  
From Chaldean calculations vain,  
That period which the powers ordain.  
Much rather, calmly let us bear  
The trials which 'tie our's to share,  
Whether for us great Jove decrees,  
More winter's to disturb the seas,  
Than this, that with continual shocks,  
Rolls billows 'gainst th' Etrurian rocks.

Rack-off your cheerful wine, be wise  
By life's frail term your hopes chastise,  
Ev'n whilst we speak, doth envious time  
Exhaust the moments of our prime.  
Then seize the day of joy that flies,  
To-morrow may not cheer our eyes.

HORACE, B. 1. ODE 13.

The Poet describes his Jealousy.

Whene'er, O Lydia, you pretend,  
The neck of Telephus to command,  
Fresh with the glow of healthful bloom,  
Alas ! with choler I consume ;  
No confidence my spirit knows,  
My conscious colour comes and goes,  
Involuntary tears my cheek  
Steal-down, and inward-conflict speak.  
I'm fir'd, if quarrelsome, you've drain'd  
The wine-cup, and your shoulder stain'd,  
Or that the youth's intemp'rate love  
Your lips his teeth imprinted prove.  
If with attention you receive  
Advice, you never will believe,  
Due kindness constantly to meet  
From him that wounds with kisses sweet.  
Kisses which Venus steeps divine,  
In the quintessence of her wine,  
Not nectar-drops so sweet as this,  
Not nectar exquisite in bliss.  
O more than happy thrice, the souls  
Indissoluble love controls,  
Whom harsh upbraidingz, impious breath,  
Ne'er parts—they only part in death.

HORACE, B. 1. ODE 22.

*To Aristius Fuscus.*

That Female Conversation, the most innocent of  
Pleasures, is the sweetest antidote for the anxieties  
of Life.

Fuscus, the man of heart sincere  
Towards gods and men, no harm need fear.  
Nor bow, nor Moorish jav'lin needs,  
Nor quiver charged with poison'd reeds :  
Of syrtes, though the sultry space,  
Or wilds of Caucasus to trace,  
Or seats, where fam'd Hydaspes pours,  
Refreshing waters on the shores.

For, singing lately, void of care,  
Of Lalage, kind-hearted fair,  
A wolf from out the Sabine wood,  
Fled from me, though unarm'd I stood ;  
So fierce a monster ne'er the brakes  
Apulian, or of Juba, wakes :  
Dry-nurse of lions—place me where  
No tree, refresh'd by genial air  
Shades barren plains, or, chaos hurl'd,  
Clouds and crude vapours chill the world,  
Or place me in the region sere  
'Neath the Sun's chariot fierce too near,  
The land unfit for human seat,  
“ Dear Lalage,” I'll there repeat,  
The lass on me that sweetly smiles,  
And sweetly speaking, care beguiles.

### HORACE, B. 1. ODE 27.

*To his Companions.*

That it is altogether unreasonable to wrangle over  
Cups.

To wrangle o'er the joyous bowl,  
Is downright madness, on my soul ;  
Protect, confed'rate Pals, I pray,  
Good-fellowship from savage fray.  
How horrible to calm delights  
The sabre which the Turk excites !  
Kind souls, your disputation cease,  
And on your elbow sink to peace ;  
The social cup if mine to share,  
My heart's own Brother shall declare ;  
In what soft languishment he lies,  
Beneath what thrilling shaft he dies ;  
What, from the bargain, do you shrink ?  
Not upon lighter terms I drink :  
What ever grade of passion claims  
To sere you with intemp'rate flames,  
No silly sense of shame should move  
The man that's handcuff'd to sweet love ;  
Be frank, whate'er the case appears,  
Confide the truth to candid ears.

Lost man ! In what a drowning state,  
Are you found struggling hard with fate ;  
Youth, whom a worthier heart should move,  
But who can break the charm of love ?  
What magician with a counter-spell,  
What Deity, the rage can swell ?  
No power to rescue can prevail,  
One tackled to sw~ot woman.

### HORACE, B. 1. ODE 29.

*To Iccius.*

Horace banters the young man for leaving the study  
of Science to become a Soldier.

Fond Iccius, how you long to press  
Th' Arabians, and their wealth possess,  
What vigorous preparations make,  
'Gainst Kings of Saba, war to break ;

Unconqu'red to this day ! And speed  
Chains for the formidable mede !  
What virgin your barbarian-slave  
Shall kneel, when slain her lover brave ?  
What boy from court, with locks perfum'd,  
To bear your jocund cups be doom'd,  
Skill'd shafts of Serica to throw,  
Unerring, from his father's bow ?  
Who to deny will now presume  
That possible, e'en whence they come,  
Torrents precipitate to force,  
In reflux, to their mountain-source ;  
That Tiber shall his channel change,  
Since you propose, with humour strange,  
Panetius' noble writings pure  
Collected far and near t' abjure,  
All the Socratic household fam'd,  
For armour from Iberia nam'd.  
When yours it was our hopes t' excite  
Of deeds of intellectual might.

### HORACE, B. 1. ODE 32.

*To his Lyre.*

Being desired to write a secular Ode, Horace  
invokes his Lyre to assist him with strains equal  
to the subject.

Now, on our mettle, since we're plac'd—  
If in the shade—amusement chaste,  
Fond themes I've chaunted by your aid,  
To time's extent to be conveyed ;  
Come, dearest lyre, while comrades list,  
And in a Latin ode assist.

Tun'd first in Greek, the Lesbian chief  
'Midst fierce alarms who sought relief,  
When fast by shore his vessel swung,  
Of Bacchus, and the muses, sung ;  
With Venus, and her boy, that close  
Keeps as the bud beside the rose,  
And Lycus, black with glist'ning eyes,  
With tresses of the darkest dyes.

Apollo's ornament, sweet shell,  
Rapt in whose charms Jove loves to dwell ;  
Beguiler kind of anxious toil,  
Propitious, at my touch recoil ;  
At friendship's consecrated rite,  
When I beseech thee to delight.

### HORACE, B. 1. ODE 36.

The Poet congratulates Plotius Numida upon his  
happy return from Spain.

A glad occasion doth arise,  
With music sweet to sacrifice,  
A votive heifer's blood, to please  
Numida's guardian-deities.  
From Spain's extreme who now returns,  
And with long cherish'd friendship yearns ;  
To none than Lamia more sincere,  
Companion of his childhood dear ;

One tutor taught them, they were known,  
Both at one time t' have chang'd the gown.

Let not this joyous day retreat  
Without the lucky mark of Crete,  
Nor spare to pour the jar at hand,  
Nor let the Salian ancles stand ;  
Nor Bassus Damalis outstrain  
The Thracian amystis\* to drain,  
Nor let the banquet want the rose,  
Green Parsley, Lilly brief that blows.

Whilst all shall fix dissolving eyes,  
On Damalis that all outvies ;  
Than ivy more luxuriant she,  
With wanton folds which clings the tree ;  
Her lover new that will not leave,  
Of plighted pleasure to deceive.

#### HORACE, ODE 38.

##### *To the Servant.*

The Persic pomp, child, I detest,  
No philyra<sup>t</sup> shall my brows invest,  
I will not in the rose be dress'd,  
Which latest blows ;  
The artless myrtle is my choice,  
Beneath this vine whilst I rejoice,  
My cup your dutous hand employs  
And pleasure glows.

#### HORACE, B. 2. ODE 2.

##### *To Crispinus Salustius.*

That he alone is rich who makes a proper use  
of wealth; and happy he alone his passions  
who commands.

O Crispus! foe to bootless wealth,  
Conceal'd in earth by niggard stealth,  
Aware that gold can but derive  
The lustre currency can give,  
And splendid only in the use  
That social-comfort shall conduce.  
As Proculius obtains  
A name, while brotherhood remains,  
Exhausted when through age at length,  
Shall fame renew perpetual strength ;  
On pinions never tir'd, proclaim  
The sacred honours of his name.  
So he that craving can suppress,  
An ampler lordship shall possess  
Than one that Lybia should unite,  
O'er seas, with Gades out of sight ;  
Subject to whose exalted throne,  
Were seats of either Carthage known.

As dropsy self-indulgence bursts  
E'en while the bloated patient thirsts,

\* Amystis, a large Thracian Cup, which to exhaust at a breath was esteemed a piece of drunken bravery.

<sup>t</sup> Philyra, a thin membrane between the bark and stem of the Tilia or Linden Tree, which the ancients used as a ribbon in their Chaplets.

Unless the cause expell'd the veins,  
In vain the watery languor drains ;  
The pallid victim shall expire  
With unextinguishing desire.

Virtue, to sordid hearts unknown,  
By Cyrus though restor'd his throne,  
Phraates from the blest rejects,  
And popular-applause corrects,  
With crowns and kingdoms rich t'endow,  
And laurel—evergreen—the brow  
Of him alone who views the store  
Without a craving eye for more.

#### HORACE, B. 2. ODE 3.

##### *To Quintus Dellius.*

That the Happiness of Life consists in serenity of  
mind and virtuous enjoyment.

O Dellius, since but born to die  
Preserve your equanimity,  
Ev'n in the surges of distress !  
As well obstrc'rous mirth suppress.

Whether the woes which life assail,  
With constant sadness you bewail,  
Or quaff, reclin'd in easy-state,  
Falernian of the richest date.  
In some cool bower where lofty pine  
And hoary poplar boughs combine,  
And the clear current purls along  
The glade, the flow'rets wild among,  
Direct your maids, rich wine to bear,  
Odours, and gaateful flowers prepare,  
And the too transitory rose,  
While fortune smiles and age allows,  
Before the sable threads are done,  
For you, by fatal sisters spun.

Your large possessions you must leave,  
No more your mansion shall receive,  
At that delightful country-seat,  
No longer visits to repeat,  
Well stor'd with all that life can cheer,  
Which yellow Tiber washes near,  
But leave, the fruit of so much care,  
Your high-pil'd riches to your Heir.

Ah ! Dellius, it shall nought avail,  
Whether illustrious your entail,  
From ancient Inachus dedic'd,  
Or from plebian-race confus'd ;  
You live without a humble shed,  
To shelter from the wind your head,  
The victim of relentless death,  
A mortal, you must yield your breath.  
Since all compell'd the self-same road,  
All destin'd to the strange abode,  
For in the universal urn,  
The lots are shaken for our turn,  
And soon or late, its sure to come,  
T'embark us to th' eternal home.

HORACE, B. 2. ODE 4.

*To Zantheas Phoeas.*

That he need not feel ashamed at being in love with his maid, for the like had been the case with many eminent men.

Zantheas Phoeas, let not shame  
O'erwhelm you for your menial flame;  
Before your time, Briseis fair  
Love's yoke made proud Achilles bear;  
Tecmessa, beauteous captive, won  
Her master, Ajax Telamon;  
Great Agamemnon victory spurn'd,  
And for a captive damsel burn'd;  
When the barbarian host subdued,  
His brave Thessalian troops pursued,  
And, Hector her defence no more,  
Troy trembled at the Grecian power.

How do you know but Phyllis fair,  
Hath parents fit to claim you heir?  
She must be sure of Royal-race,  
And mourns her household Gods' disgrace;  
Be confident she's born for you,  
Not of the abject Plebian crew,  
Nor one so true, so pure, can claim,  
A mother that would prove her shame.

I can command her arms and face,  
Her limbs well-form'd with chaste grace,  
Yield to no jealousy for one,  
Whose years sedate near forty run.

HORACE, B. 2. ODE 6.

*To Septimus,*

Whom Horace invites to live with him in the Country.

Septimus, willing to pass o'er  
To Gades, the Cantabrian-shore,  
And search with me vast countries rude,  
By Roman-arms not yet subdued,  
Th' inhospitable Syrtes brave,  
Where boils the Mauritanian wave,  
In Tibur,\* which by Grecians rose,  
May my contented age repose,  
There let me close my toils by sea,  
By land, of restless chivalry;  
Thence should the cruel fates expel,  
By fam'd Galesus will I dwell,  
Delightful for the precious sheep,  
Which cov'red close with skins they keep,  
The countries where Phalantus reign'd,  
And Lacedemon's laws maintained;  
That corner of the world beguiled  
My sight, with nature's loveliest smiles;  
Whose combs ne'er to th' Hymettian yield,  
Green olives, the Venafrian-field  
Where Jupiter breathes earliest spring,  
Mild winter's fann'd by zephyr's wing;  
Aulon, that genial Bacchus loves,  
Ne'er envies the Falernian groves,

\* A city of the Sabines, commended for the mildness of its air.

That seat, by shelt'ring mountains bless'd,  
Solicits you and me to rest;  
The Poet's glowing ashes, you  
Shall there with Friendship's tear bedew.

HORACE, B. 2, ODE 7.

*To Pompeius Varus.*

He congratulates his Friend upon being restored to him and his country.

Oft with me to th' extreme reduc'd  
In war, by Brutus' zeal produc'd,  
Who has restor'd thee, son of Rome,  
Safe to thy natal Gods at home,  
And to the Italian air serene:  
Pompey, my first companion seen?  
With whom, how oft, the loitering day,  
Convivial have I passed away,  
My hair with Syrian unguents sleek,  
With chaplets crown'd, heart's ease to speak!  
I sought with thee Phillipi's field,  
Where, swift in flight, was left my shield,  
When valour was itself o'erthrown,  
The daring van their faces prone;  
But Mercury's power, whilst sore afraid,  
My frame through hostile ranks convey'd,  
Spread the dense cloud to screen my life  
And neutraliz'd the powers at strife.  
Thee, the reciprocating main  
Bore on its surge to toils again,  
For this, to Jove, an offering due  
Present, your war-worn limbs renew,  
O stretch beneath my laural shade  
Nor spare the casks for you by-laid,  
Fill to the brim the polish'd bowls  
With masic rich that care controls,  
Pour ointment from capacious shells  
That with Arabian fragrance smells.  
Who speeds with hospitable care,  
Parsley and myrtle wreaths to bear?  
Whom shall the cast of Venus name?  
The toasts convivial to proclaim?  
Frantic with glee, I'll pleasure court,  
As Bacchanalians at their sport,  
How bless'd, with maniac-zeal t' extend,  
The hand of welcome to my friend!

HORACE, B. 2. ODE 8.

*To Barine.*

That her swearing was no reason for his believing her, for the Gods never punished the perjuries of Beauties.

If any punishment, Barine,  
Your heart from perjury might wean,  
Less conquering found by one dark tooth,  
Or nail, I could believe your sooth;  
But you no sooner bend your brows  
To plight anew perfidious vows,  
Than, lo, more killingly you bloom  
Queen of the gallant youth of Rome;

\* The Romans constituted their toast master by dice, and the fortunate cast was named Venus.

'Tis meritorious that you spurn  
Your mother's consecrated urn,  
The silent queen of night, th' abodes  
Of heaven, and all th' immortal Gods.

At this, sly Venus laughs, I trow,  
A laugh the heartless nymphs bestow,  
Whilst cruel Cupid, that his darts  
May deeper pierce unguarded hearts,  
The spindle with fresh fury turns  
Until the reeking whetstone burns.

Besides all this, our hopeful boys  
Are growing victims to your joys,  
Nor will the vet'rans quit the dome  
While keeps the faithless fair at home;  
Though threat'ning, still delay to go,  
Nor can th' inglorious fetters throw.

You, for their sons, grave matrons dread  
And thrifty fathers shake the head,  
Blythe girls, as soon as married, quake,  
Their husbands lest your charms retake.

### HORACE, B. 2. ODE 10.

*To Licinius Murena,*

Whom the Poet advises to be content with a mean  
and to maintain an equality of Temper.

Be sure, Licinius, in the mean  
The course of Life is most serene,  
Not always wide at sea to keep  
Nor in-shore timidly to creep,  
And shun the foaming billows more  
Than danger of the leward shore;  
Whoe'er the golden-mean secures  
The sordid cell alike abjures,  
In comfort obsolete; as wise,  
The dome which envy wakes, decries,  
The loftiest pines the winds most try,  
High towers the heaviest ruin lie,  
And thunderbolts are sure to seek,  
The rock's most elevated peak.  
The well-provided breast finds cheer  
In hope, 'midst poverty severe;  
Prosperity as well corrects  
By fear, that change of scene expects;  
'Tis the same Jupiter, we say,  
Stern winter brings, and bears away,  
Not so anon, though hideous now,  
With rigid frost and drifted snow;  
Sometimes Apollo wakes the lyre,  
The bow not always to require  
Drawn taut: when straight becomes your  
course,  
With spirits boyant onwards force;  
By the same rule, close reef your sail  
Too much at mercy of the gale.

### HORACE, B. 2. ODE 11.

*To Quintus Hirpinius,*

Whose mind Horace endeavours to divert from  
public and private solicitude to a taste for  
gaiety and enjoyment.

Quintus Hirpinius, O forbear!  
For Scythian nor Cantabrian care,  
What they, o'er th' Adrian wave remote,  
Are meditating to promote,  
Nor yet with agony of breast  
Strive for those things which seem life's zest.

With reckless haste, youth flies away  
And beauty yields to swift decay,  
Sapless old age gay love expels,  
And interrupts sleep's gentle spells;  
The flowers of spring no hues retain  
The moon is quickly on the wane,  
Why then distract th' unequal mind  
Some durable result to find?  
Why rather not, whilst health gives power,  
Thus carelessly dissolve the hour,  
Beneath some lofty plane recline  
Or the broad shadow of this pine,  
Our hoary locks with roses bound,  
And Syrian odours breathing round,  
While generous wine the taste regales  
For Bacchus o'er dull care prevails.  
Quick, boy, the rich Falernian cool,  
Plunge goblets in the gurgling pool,  
Who will the vagrant wanton court,  
Blythe Lyde, from her house to sport?  
Quick, bid with ivory lyre repair,  
Nor stay to braid her tempting hair,  
Content if gath'red in a knot,  
Simple, as by the Spartans taught.

### HORACE, B. 2. ODE 12.

*To Mecænas.*

That Horace being given up to Lycymnia, cannot  
rise to themes more serious.

Insist not that the wounds and scars  
In fierce Numantia's length'ned Wars,  
Dread Hannibal, Sicilian flood,  
Inflam'd with Carthaginian blood,  
Should breathe, adapted to the lyre,  
Which themes congenial ought t' inspire;  
Nor Lapithæ, with cruel breast,  
Nor Hylæus with rich wine oppress'd  
And earth-born youths, of effort rude,  
By might Herculean once subdued,  
From whom old Saturn's splendid seat  
Th' assault of treason fear'd to meet.

Mecænas, you, with happier grace,  
Shall Cæsar's triumphs give to praise,  
The necks of haughty monarch's fierce  
In history's faithful page rehearse.

It is for me the Muses' will  
To celebrate Lycymnia's skill,

My mistress' thrilling strains recite,  
The glancings of her eyes of light,  
Her breast to love and friendship dear,  
Her breast to plighted love sincere :  
'Tis her's with matchless grace t' advance  
Her instep in the skilful dance,  
Or, in fond dalliance with her friend,  
With sportive raillery to contend,  
Or Virgins tight, her arms display,  
On chaste Diana's festal day.  
One of those tresses would you change  
Which o'er Licymnia's brows arrange,  
For all Archæmines possess'd,  
Mygdonian wealth of Phrygia bless'd,  
Or dwellings of Arabia proud,  
Which treasures out of reck'ning eroud ;  
When to the kiss her neck she turns,  
The kiss with love's pure flame which burns,  
Or with feign'd cruelty denies  
That love may ravish as his prize,  
Or, with quick fondness none can match,  
Anticipates you by a snatch.

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#### HORACE, B. 2. ODE 14.

*To Posthumus.*

That since Death can be neither avoided nor delayed, we ought to make a generous use of Riches whilst life remains.

O Posthumus, with subtle speed,  
The fleeting years glide on indeed,  
Nor Piety can cause delay,  
To creeping age with wrinkles grey ;  
Grim Death's insuperable claim,  
Who triumphs o'er the noblest name.  
From day to day could you devote  
Three hundred bullocks, vain the thought,  
To soften gloomy Pluto dread,  
Who binds Geryon's triple head,  
And Tityos, with that dismal flood  
Which must be pass'd by vile and good ;  
All nurtur'd by the bounteous earth  
Of rustic, as of royal birth.  
In vain from savage Mars we're free,  
The raging Adriatic sea ;  
Or shun, from south, the noxious breath  
Of autumn, charg'd with subtle death,  
To black Cocytus' languid maze,  
With Danaus' foul detested race,  
And Sisyphus, Æolus' heir,  
At endless toil we must repair ;  
Your lands, and house, and charming wife,  
Must be renoun'd on quitting life ;  
No nursing-trees will Fate accord,  
T' attend their transitory lord ;  
The hateful cypress shall be known,  
To grace your dismal bier alone ;  
That Cœcuban your heir shall seize,  
Now kept secure by patent keys ;  
With nobler wine the pavement stain,  
Than feasts pontifical obtain.

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#### HORACE, B. 2. ODE 15.

The Poet contrasts the thriftness and frugality of ancient times with modern luxury and extravagance.

" Our pompous piles will leave us now  
Few acres for the foodful plough,"  
The ponds which waste the flowery mead,  
The spacious Lucre Lake exceed  
" And unproductive planes invade"  
Our elm-trees' beneficial shade.  
Then violet banks and myrtle groves,  
With all the tribe which Flora loves,  
In fancy's charms, their odours shed  
Where olives once their master fed.  
No fervid rays may now pervade,  
Where the dense laurel forms the shade.  
Not so did Romulus ordain,  
Or Cato bid the customs reign ;  
Contracted was each private-store,  
To yield the Commonwealth the more.  
No galleries wide our sires possess'd,  
For northern breezes cool t' invest.  
Strict laws the household architect,  
Forbade the casual turf reject ;  
While temples which the gods enshrin'd,  
With just magnificence design'd ;  
At common-cost was giv'n command,  
Each public edifice to stand.

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#### HORACE, B. 2. ODE 16.

*To Grophus.*

The Poet inculcates that happiness is to be maintained by the control of our affections.

Those, Grophus, without star to guide  
Caught in th' Ægean, raging wide,  
When midnight tempests shrowd the sky,  
" Ease, ease," beseech the powers on high,  
For ease, the warlike sons of Thrace,  
For ease, the rapid Parthian prays ;  
With quiver hung in graceful port,  
With arrows for defence or sport,  
For ease, which never can be sold,  
For costliest purple, silver, gold.

No royal purple can remove,  
Nor consul's lictor stern, reprove,  
The tumults which the bosom try,  
Cares which o'er splendid ceilings fly.  
That man's upon a little bless'd  
Of household saltcellar possess'd,  
Who smiles upon his frugal board  
With nature's wholesome comforts stor'd,  
Who never anxious vigils keeps,  
And free from dreams of grandeur sleeps.  
Why should we, creatures of a day,  
Upon ourselves hard burthens lay ?  
Why from our own to climates run  
Made fruitful by another sun ?  
Who that an exile had become,  
E'er left his consciousness at home ?  
Consuming care the deck ascends,  
The troop of cavalry attends,

And, nimbler than the fleetest hind,  
Outstrips the swiftness of the wind.  
The heart with its own lot content,  
With no vain schemes will self torment,  
Life's bitternesses can beguile,  
Can soothe with an ingenuous smile.  
Nought earthly is entirely bless'd,  
Death premature Achilles press'd,  
Tithonus with his hoary crown,  
Was by protracted age worn down.  
Time shall perhaps to me extend  
What it may not your lot command ;  
A hundred flocks enrich your ground,  
Sicilian heifers low around,  
For you, the mare in harness neighs,  
Wool African twice dipt arrays.  
On me bestows unerring fate  
A little competent estate,  
A genius for the Grecian Queen,  
A just contempt for vulgar speen.

#### HORACE, B. 2. ODE 18.

Horace inveighs against the luxury and covetousness  
of the times.

Nor ivory smooth nor gilded arc  
A figure in my house shall mark,  
No beams Hymettian rest upon  
Rare shafts from farthest Afric won ;  
Nor will I, as if heir, presume  
T'enseize myself of Att'lus' dome,  
Dependent ladies ne'er produce  
Laconian purple for my use,  
But honour, and a liberal vein  
Of genius, to my choice remain ;  
That e'en to me the man of store,  
Makes homage, though I am but poor,  
The Gods no more I importune,  
Nor of my friend in power, a boon,  
Sufficient since my Sabine farm,  
O'er which contentment spells the charm ;  
Thus day is driven along by day,  
Moons waning, quickly pass away,  
Whilst you give marble to be hewn,  
One foot where shall your grave be soon ;  
And, heedless of that last retreat,  
Are thinking houses to complete,  
And anxious scheme t' extend the shore  
Where ocean waves 'gainst Baia roar,  
Not rich enough restrain'd to land,  
O'erstep the limits of the strand.

Why avaricious should you love  
Your neighbour's landmark to remove,  
Trespass beyond the fertile bounds  
Where settle clients near your grounds ?  
Behold poor man and wife turn out,  
Press'd to their aching heart devout  
Their household gods and babes ill-fed,  
Uncertain of their future bread.  
But mark ! no court more surely waits,  
The pamp'red rich than Pluto's gates,

Of death's rapacious power the seat,  
Whose boon 'tis fruitless to entreat.  
Why thus go on ? th' impartial earth  
Absorbs the poor as royal birth ;  
Nor has the guard of hell's domain,  
Grim ferry-man, pass'd-o'er again  
Prometheus artful, though untold  
The ransom, if in power of gold.  
He, Tantalus, and all his race,  
Confines in their appointed place,  
And grants, with or without their care,  
From future toil the poor to spare.

#### HORACE, B. 2. ODE 19.

*On Bacchus.—A Drinking Song.*

That it was his duty to celebrate the praises of  
Bacchus, being full of, roused, and animated  
by his divinity.

Bacchus ! I pledge you 'twas the case,  
I saw, believe all coming-race,  
Dictating songs 'midst rocks remote,  
And the nymphs learning them by rote,  
Goat-footed satyrs standing round,  
With ears voracious of the sound.  
Hurrah ! My mind with recent dread  
Is flutt'ring, half my wits are fled,  
My soul, replete with Bacchus-guest,  
Is with tumultuous joy posses'd.

Oh ! spare me, Bacchus, spare, I pray,  
Aside thy dreadful Thrysus lay ;  
In Bacchanalian-lays I sing,  
The wanton Priestess of the King :  
Wine-bubbling fountains, and the streams  
That ripple milk, adorn my themes ;  
Honey from crevices that rills,  
From trunks of hollow trees distils,  
As well 'tis granted at my suit,  
In strains melodious to salute,  
The honour from your happy spouse,  
Which to their constellation flows,  
The seat of Pentheus laid in dust,  
Perdition of Lycurgus just.

Th' abundant rivers you command,  
Th' obstrep'rous ocean owns your hand,  
You, moist with wine, on hills select,  
Love the dark tresses to collect,  
Of Thracian priestesses devote,  
With harmless vipers, in a knot ;  
You, when the impious band prevail'd,  
The realms of Jove your father seal'd,  
With jaw and paws of lion quell'd,  
And Rœcus from the skies expell'd ;  
Though fitter thought for sport's alarms,  
Dances and jokes, than feats of arms ;  
Your energy was then declar'd,  
Alike for war and peace prepar'd ;  
You, honour'd by the horn of gold.  
Could Cerberus innocent behold,  
With joy unusual wag his tail,  
Nor with his triple-tongue could fail  
Fondly to lick your legs and feet,  
As you return'd from death's retreat.

## HORACE, B. 2. ODE 20.

Horace promises himself everlasting fame.

My genius versatile shall rise,  
On wing sublime, to hail the skies,  
Nor longer upon earth remain  
For envious cities to detain,  
Nor shall the stygian-wave confine,  
Which pours nine-fold its noxious brine.  
My birth, whilst envious rivals scorn,  
Mecænas dear, shall fame adorn ;  
Mine auncles now rough skins invest,  
I'm in a swan's white plumage dress'd,  
The soft array enfolds me quite,  
Quills sheathe my fingers as I write ;  
A bird melodius now become,  
Not Icarus so swift could roam :  
The murmuring Bosphorus I'll view,  
O'er Hyperborean plains pursue ;  
Getulian-wilds shall not repress,  
Desires my bosom which possess,  
Dacians and Colchans, who despise  
The Marcian cohorts, me shall prize,  
Gelonians, howsoe'er remote,  
My themes instructive learn to quote ;  
My works the learned Spaniard con,  
With him who drinks the waves of Rhone.

Then let no obsequies be sung,  
Nor lamentations charge your tongue,  
When my mock funeral seems to wait  
Th' accustom'd homage through the gate,  
Suppress your crying, and forbear,  
The needless rites of sepulture.

## HORACE, B. 3. ODE 2.

Horace praises bravery, probity, and fidelity in a secret.

Let youth robust acquire, my friends,  
The skill which exercise attends  
In gallant arms, and learn to bear  
Privations, hardy warrior's share,  
With spear adroitly lance'd to pierce,  
In rapid chase, the Parthian fierce,  
And let him lead a life unclos'd  
From air, to casualties expos'd ;  
Him, let the virgin and the wife,  
Of royal warrior, dread in strife ;  
Surveying from the ramparts far  
The doubtful issue of the war,  
Lest spouse and father should provoke,  
The lion loose to slaughter broke.

How glorious for our hearth to die !  
Death strikes the victim that would fly,  
Nor spares the knees through fear which smite,  
Nor the back turn'd in shameful flight.

Virtue, unconscious aught that's base,  
Shines spotless with peculiar grace,  
Nor quits, nor dignity assumes,  
As public-humour goes and comes !  
Virtue, the gates of heaven throws wide,  
For those through crime that have not died,

Her arduous way through danger takes,  
Nor aught a difficulty makes,  
Spurns grovelling crowds in rapid flight,  
And sordid interest shuts from sight.

A recompence most surely reaps  
The man who faithful silence keeps.

I will prohibit him to come  
Within the precincts of my home,  
Nor e'er with me shall he prevail,  
In the same vessel to set sail,  
Who shall divulge the sacred rites,  
Mysterious Ceres who requites ;  
For love, when slighted, often links,  
In fate the vile and worthy sinks,  
And punishment though lame in foot,  
The guilty fails not in pursuit.

## HORACE, B. 3. ODE 3.

Horace privately dissuades Augustus from transferring the seat of empire to Troy.

Not frenzy popular devote,  
Pernicious measures to promote,  
Nor tyrant's threat'ning look, may shake  
The man his purpose to forsake,  
With just and worthy public views,  
Who the state's welfare sole pursues ;  
Not the south-wind whose rage controls  
The sea through th' Adrian gulf that rolls,  
Nor e'en the mighty hand of Jove,  
When thund'ring through the realms above,  
Yea, a crush'd world in fragments dread,  
Still undismay'd, should strike his head ;  
Thus Pollux, from the strife severe,  
Ascended to the heavenly-sphere,  
And Hercules, from toils reliev'd,  
The starry-citadels received,  
Seats, where not yet Augustus sips  
Rich Nectar with empurpled lips.  
Thee, Bacchus, there thy merits took,  
By tygers drawn with irksome yoke,  
Thus Romulus, upon the steed  
Of Mars, from Acheron was freed.

Here Juno, to the powers above,  
Gave counsel for them all t' approve.

'Gainst Troy, a lewd and fatal judge,  
And foreign-fair provok'd a grudge,  
Denounc'd th' injurious prince and race,  
Consum'd all the devoted place ;  
Victims to me, in vengeance just,  
And chaste Minerva, held in trust.  
E'er since Laomedon denied  
The Gods their tribute to divide ;  
No more the Lacedænian queen,  
Th' adultrous guest, to shine are seen,  
Nor Priam's perjur'd race in fight,  
Break the Greek ranks through Hector's  
might ;  
That war, so long by faction blown,  
Subsides to peace, for ever gone :

Hence, bitterness no longer mine,  
To Mars, resentment I resign,  
As well the grandson I detest,  
His child, Troy's priestess who compress'd ;  
Ev'n him I suffer to pervade  
The realms where brightness needs no shade,  
Nectar to drink, Ambrosial wine,  
Enroll'd with peaceful powers-divine.  
Long as th' extensive ocean green  
Rolls Troy and distant Rome between,  
Hence let th' illustrious exiles rest,  
In any other country blest ;  
As long as trampled in the dust  
By cattle, Paris, Priam's, bust.  
Long as wild-beasts their young conceal  
Beyond the keenest eye to steal,  
The Capitol shall rise in awe,  
And Rome to vanquish'd Medes give law ;  
Let her tremendous name go forth  
E'en to th' extremities of earth,  
'Yond where inserted seas divide,  
From Afric, th' European side,  
Fierce Afric, on whose thirsty shores,  
The Nile a fruitful deluge pours,  
Be Rome for brave contempt renown'd  
Of gold, yet happily, not found,  
Than forcing forth for man's abuse,  
Each sacred purpose to seduce ;  
Whate'er extremity of land,  
Rome's fate-winged eagle shall withstand ;  
There let her conquering arms be borne,  
Alert to visit that sojourn,  
Where frenzy fiery-heats excite,  
Or that where storms exhaust their might ;  
But let all-conquering Rome be told,  
The destiny which Fates unfold  
Forbids, that neither through excess,  
Of piety, restrain'd no less  
From confidence in state resource,  
Ye deviate from your prosp'rous course,  
Inclin'd the dwellings to restore  
Built by your Trojan sires of yore ;  
Or in an inauspicious day  
Troy's new foundation shall ye lay ;  
And woe's last visitation prove,  
Whilst I, the sister-wife of Jove,  
Lead the victorious bands to wreak  
That wrath no mortal tongue can speak.  
Thrice should a brazen-wall arise,  
By aid of him who lights the skies.  
Its founder first, it thrice should all  
Before my fate-charg'd Grecians fall,  
The captive wife should thrice in vain,  
Her husband wail, and children slain.

Such themes the jocund lyre ill suit—  
Whither, O muse, is thy pursuit ?  
Cease, thus presumptuous, to relate  
On what th' immortal powers debate,  
Nor by your trifling strains debase,  
Themes too sublime for mortal race.

## HORACE, B. 3. ODE 4.

*To Calliope.*

That everything prospers with those that are under  
the protection of the Powers-Divine.

Calliope ! thou queen of song,  
Descend, to strains divine prolong,  
Descend from Heaven with pipe divine,  
Melodious numbers to combine,  
Or had you rather, clear in voice,  
On Phœbus' harp or lute rejoice ?

Hear, ye, or doth a pleasing dream,  
Fond frenzy, to delude me seem ?  
She comes indeed t' expatiate  
Along the hallow'd grove sedate,  
Where grateful riv'lets wind their way,  
Cool breezes 'mong the thickets play.

Me, when a child, from play reliev'd,  
By sleep, the woodland doves perceiv'd,  
Doves known to song, with leaves me spread  
Upon th' Apulian Vultur's\* head ;  
Beyond Apulia's plenteous bound,  
A wonder to the dwellers round,  
Those lodg'd securely in the nest  
Of Acherontia's lofty crest,  
The Bantine woods, Ferentine meads,  
Whose wealth the peasant's hope exceeds ;  
What power preserv'd my life from harm,  
Vipers and rav'nous boars to charm ;  
How sacred laurel in my sleep,  
And sprays of myrtle me should heap,  
Aware not, aid divine must move  
A child, the object of such love.

Yours, O ye muses, yours alone,  
Whether on Sabine heights my throne,  
Or cool Praeneste, Tybur's slope,  
Or Baiæ's water are my scope ;  
Me to your choral sports devote,  
Cool fountains, and the mountain grot.  
Not the brave army put to flight  
When at Philippi rag'd the fight,  
Nor yet the execrable tree,  
Nor pilot in Sicilian sea,  
Dread Palinurus, have destroy'd  
Me, still in life's pursuits employ'd.  
Whilst you, my guardian-power, shall reign,  
A sailor on the boist'rous main,  
The raging Bosphorus I'll dare,  
Nor for the sands of Syria care ;  
Britons I'll brave, inhuman race,  
To strangers that allow no place,  
Concanus, rioting in blood  
Of horses, his unnat'ral food,  
Uninjur'd by their shafts, I'll meet  
Geloni, pass the Tanais fleet.

In the Pierian grot detain'd,  
Cæsar sublime you entertained,  
Studiois his glorious toils to close,  
His troops among the towns dispose

\* A mountain of Apulia.

Strength to recruit for noble strife,  
And taste the calm delights of life,  
Him counsels you vouchsafe in grace,  
Pleas'd when their benefits take place.

We're conscious the dread power who sways  
Th' inactive earth and stormy seas,  
Throng'd cities, Orcus' drear domains,  
Alike o'er gods and mortals reigns,  
And with just-power at once controls  
The heavens, and all between the poles:  
The impious Titans how he smote,  
With bolts, the giant race devote;  
Those horrid youth, who, fierce in might,  
Plac'd Pelion on th' Olympian-height,  
Amazing, with presumption high,  
E'en the dread ruler of the sky.  
But what avail'd Typhoeus strong,  
Mimas, and all their impious throng,  
Porphyron, threat'ning from his size,  
What Rœcus, in that enterprize?  
Enceladus, who, trees upturn  
Hurl'd furious in presumptuous scorn?  
What all the might which earth could wield,  
'Gainst Pallas with impervious shield!

With loyal zeal here Vulcan stood,  
Juno, with matron-heart as good,  
With him who never seeks to throw  
His shoulders off the golden-bow,  
Of Patara and of Delos God,  
Who bathes in pure Castalian-flood  
His hair of Gold; and Lycia's groves,  
And still his native green-shade loves.

Force, conduct void, by its own weight  
Laid prostrate, needs no stroke from fate:  
Besides, the Gods direct its course  
Propitious to well-ord'red force,  
But power of every kind detest,  
Whose object impious i confess'd;  
And Gyas' doom, with hundred hands,  
Exemplar of my judgment stands,  
Orion too, whose passion base,  
Urg'd the pure goddess of the chace,  
Whose virgin-dart fix'd him through time,  
Dread beacon for the sons of crime.

Earth mourns her monsters whom she heaps,  
By thunder stricken to the deeps,  
Nor can its raging fire consume  
Ætna, that shuts the abyss of doom;  
Nor will the vulture once relent  
Titus' rank-liver to torment,  
Station'd t' avenge his passion base,  
Who strove chaste virtue to disgrace,  
And Pirithous, for flame-divine,  
Three hundred penal-chains confine.

#### HORACE, B. 3. ODE 5.

In praise of Augustus, who, by the terror of his  
arms had subdued the Britons, and, especially  
because he had vanquished the Parthians.

As we're assur'd that thundering Jove  
Dominion holds o'er Heaven above,

Augustus to our state shall stand,  
The guardian-Deity at hand.

Since the stern Britons, Parthian's dread,  
To Roune's dominion bow the head,  
Doth one of Crassus' men pass life,  
Base husband, with barbarian-wife?  
And hath, O Senate, tame to crimes,  
Inverted morals of the times,  
The Marsian and Apulian hind,  
Th' Ancilian shield's dismiss'd from mind,  
The Roman-name and habit stor'd,  
Vesta, unceasingly ador'd,  
Grown-old in camps of civil-feud,  
By hostile sires-in-law pursued,  
Whilst Jupiter-Capitoline,  
Fond Rome, keep quietude supine?  
Yet Regulus, with foresight pure,  
Would Rome 'gainst such a state assure,  
When ignominious peace he spurn'd,  
Distraction's harbinger discern'd,  
Unless the captive-youth, denied  
To pity, for their country died.  
I've seen Rome's standards, he exclaim'd,  
In Carthaginian temples sham'd,  
Arms without bloodshed seiz'd as prey,  
From dastard soldiers snatch'd away.  
Rome's citizens with arms accus'd,  
Behind their free-born backs revers'd,  
The foe with gates unshut, whose ground,  
By war dispeopled, harvests crown'd.  
Shall one whose life a ransom sold  
Return a braver man through gold?  
No! you to infamy add loss;  
For wool prepar'd for colour's gloss  
Its native whiteness ne'er regains:  
So valour that a foil sustains,  
Scorns to resume that parting breast  
By cowardice once dispossess'd.  
If e'er the disentangled mind,  
From toils thickset, to war's inclin'd,  
Then valour shall his breast inflame  
To faithless foes who once was tame,  
He, in some future war shall tread  
On Carthaginians, late his dread.  
The dastard that his elbows found  
With straining thongs behind him bound,  
Who knew no means t' escape with life,  
Save treaty, when in act of strife,  
Confounding peace with war's alarms—  
Scandal! the Carthaginian arms  
Triumphant o'er proud Rome's disgrace,  
The downfall of th' Italian-race.

Brave Regulus is known t' have spurn'd  
His wife, who to embrace him yearn'd,  
And little-ones, like one whose soul,  
Felt degradation's dire control.  
His manly-countenance was bound  
In stern deportment to the ground,  
Until, by counsel never-match'd,  
The wavering Senate he despatch'd,  
And, 'midst his weeping friends, in haste,  
To patriotic-exile pass'd.

He, notwithstanding well aware  
The doom barbarians would prepare,  
Push'd his beseeching friends aside,  
And people, that his way denied,  
Just as though, tedious business o'er,  
His clients he could serve no more,  
Their suit dispatch'd, he sought the plains  
Venafran, or the fair domains  
Where cool Tarentum's scenes invite,  
Of Lacedemon's race the site.

## HORACE, B. 3. ODE 6.

That the contempt of religion and corruption of  
morals had brought the severest misfortunes  
on the Romans.

Rome, you shall suffer pains condign  
For guilty father's of your line,  
Until you with religious care  
The temples of the gods repair,  
Establish every tottering tower,  
The statues soil'd by smoke restore.  
You reign, but still subordinate  
To power-divine, direct the state,  
Referring to perfection's source,  
Every event and all your course.  
The powers-divine since we neglect,  
Strange woes th' Italian states affect,  
Monæses, Pacorus, barb'rous band,  
Now twice our hapless arms withstand,  
Exult with Roman-spoils to grace,  
The collars of insignia base,  
Dacian and Æthopian-powers  
Urge near to ruin Rome's high towers,  
One great by missiles, one by fleet,  
Whilst fiercely civil-feuds compete.  
The times, in guilty commerce rife,  
Outrage the sanctities of life;  
Reckless, the marriage-state pollute,  
Of issue doubtful as the brute,  
From this pernicious fountain flows,  
The state's destruction, civil-woes;  
The marriageable maid affects  
The Ionic-dance, her thoughts directs  
Her limbs to form by fashion's taste,  
From childhood, taught desires unchaste:  
Her husband drunk, she strives to please  
Younger and sprightlier debauchees,  
Nor hath she any choice with whom  
Her stolen pleasure to presume.  
The lights removed, she at the word  
Comes forth, (ev'n conscious to her lord,)  
Whether some wealthy factor fain,  
Or captain of a ship from Spain,  
A thriftless chap-man, shall require  
The favours of impure-desire.

Not youth from parents such as these  
Gore-stain'd the Carthaginian-seas,  
Pyrrhus, Antiochus the Great,  
Gave dreadful Hannibal to fate;  
But soldiers, firm by labour made,  
Who turn'd the glebe with Sabine-spade,

Accustom'd sturdy clubs to bear,  
Which the stern mother bade prepare,  
When mountain-shadows mov'd the scene,  
As placed the setting-sun between,  
They took the yoke from wearied steers,  
When Eve's retreating chariot cheers.

Our father's age, than grand sire's worse,  
Produced a more flagitious course,  
And we to reproduce are found  
An offspring vicious beyond bound.

## HORACE, B. 3. ODE 8.

*To Mecenas,*

Whom he invites to a domestic entertainment, which  
he was resolved joyously to celebrate.

Mecenas, why should you admire,  
You, whom both languages inspire,  
That I, a single man, affect  
The Martian-calends\* to respect.  
What mean the censer charged with flowers,  
Live-coals, devote t' immortal-powers?  
A banquet, in thanksgiving, laid,  
To Bacchus, a white-goat I paid,  
Since, rescued at the point of death,  
From the tree's fall, escap'd with breath,  
This day, 'midst the revolving year,  
Shall sacred be, and ever dear.  
Remove the cork with resin seal'd,  
The consulship when Tullus held  
Then set to fume, Mecenas take,  
A hundred glasses for my sake,  
With joys convivial wake the night,  
For your friend's 'scape, till morning light:  
Until the brilliant lamp decay,  
All passion, clamour, bid away;  
Postpone anxieties of state,  
The Dacian, formidable late,  
Sustains defeat, and civil-war  
The restless Mede detaining far.

The fierce Cantabrian bears our chain,  
Who bray'd us on the coast of Spain,  
The Scythian hordes are fain to yield,  
With bows unbent renounce the field.

Neglectful, as a man at ease,  
Renouncing state-anxieties,  
Jocosely seize on joy this day,  
Nor suffer grave affairs to prey.

## HORACE, B. 3. ODE 16.

That riches are the source of mischief, the happiness  
of life consisting in a mean.

A brazen-tower and oaken-door,  
With watch of surly dogs before,  
Imprison'd Danae had secur'd,  
By midnight gallants, lest allur'd;

\* A festival particularly celebrated by married persons.

But Jupiter and Venus mock'd  
 The keeper of the maiden lock'd,  
 For well they knew the way was free,  
 Transform'd to gold the deity.  
 Gold penetrates the warden-throng,  
 Bursts walls, as more than thunder strong,  
 The household of the Grecian-priest  
 Was ruin'd by the selfish-pest,  
 The Macedonian-chief burst gates,  
 By golden bribes, subverted states :  
 Bribes thrall fierce captains of the wave,  
 Lust thirsts for more than wealth e'er gave.

For this, Mecænas, knighthood's pride,  
 To raise the brow, my heart's denied.  
 All that himself shall man deny,  
 And more, the bounteous gods comply ;  
 Though poor, I seek the tents of those  
 Who covet nought which wealth bestows,  
 As a deserter, quit with joy,  
 The side of those whom riches cloy.  
 Proprietor more noble found,  
 Though to a narrow fortune bound,  
 Than strait'n'd 'midst the bursting horde,  
 Apulia to my garners pour'd.  
 A rivulet of water clear,  
 Few acres, too, of woodland near,  
 The prospect that my fertile ground  
 With crops abundant shall be crown'd,  
 Are boons which ne'er to him relate  
 Who glitters in pro-cons'lar state,  
 Where Africa's rich prospects lie,  
 Whose comforts not with mine can vie,  
 Though not for me Calabrian bees  
 Rich honey melt, nor freed from lees,  
 Falernian ripens in the cask,  
 Nor Gallia's wealthy fleece I ask,  
 While pinching poverty's remote,  
 And you should grant, if more I sought.  
 How much more able to dilate  
 My revenues, though small my state,  
 Contracting my desires thereto,  
 Than if I could the scheme pursue,  
 To join Halyatticus' domains,  
 In lordship to the Phrygian-plains ;  
 For much is ever wanting still,  
 To those who cannot have their fill :  
 How blest those whom doth God command  
 All needful, but with sparing hand !

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### HORACE, B. 3. ODE 21.

*To his Jar,*

Upon which he calls to supply generous wine, in compliment of Messala.

O goodly jar, to light first shewn  
 When Manlius was our consul known :  
 Whether complaint thou giv'st to birth,  
 Broils, frantic love, soft sleep, or mirth,  
 Beneath whatever title found  
 Thou keep'st choice massic safe and sound,  
 Thou'rt worthy to be broach'd, I say,  
 Messala to regale this day.

Descend, Corvinus bids me draw  
 The mellowest wine that light e'er saw :  
 He, with Socratic-lore imbued,  
 Will not reject thee, sternly rude ;  
 E'en Cato's virtue, so divine,  
 I'm told, was often warm'd by wine.  
 You, with a gentle power, constrain  
 The temper firmest in the main,  
 The cares and secrets of the wise,  
 By merry Bacchus, you devise,  
 Bright hope and confidence restore,  
 In minds which cov their troubles o'er,  
 Fresh spirit to the prostrate give,  
 Who, tasting, seem again to live :  
 No more, in dread, with kings enrag'd,  
 Or soldiers fierce, to stand engag'd.  
 Thee Bacchus, as kind Venus, loves,  
 When in the mood for fun she proves,  
 And loth coy Graces to dissolve  
 The knot their plighted hand's involve,  
 Whilst living lights fond strife prolong  
 'Till Phœbus scares the starry-throng.

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### HORACE, B. 3. ODE 23.

*To Phidyle.*

That the powers-divine are propitiated rather by sincere than costly oblations.

Rural Phidyle, if towards heaven,  
 At the new moon, chaste hands are given,  
 With supplications meek, t' appease,  
 And incense, guardian-deities ;  
 With choicest fruits, the season's bloom,  
 A greedy hog led forth to doom,  
 The pestilential-gust south-west  
 Your fruitful vine shall not molest,  
 Nor on your harvest bloom alight,  
 Famine's forerunner, barren blight,  
 Nor shall the dear young brood meet death  
 From fruitful autumn's sultry breath.

The destin'd victim which is bred  
 In Algidum with snowy-head,  
 Among the oaks and holm's which strays,  
 Or led Albanian meads to graze,  
 Shall with his throat the axes stain,  
 By priests of stately temples slain.

But with your means can it accord,  
 By whom are household-gods ador'd,  
 And crown'd with rural-pageantry,  
 With water sprinkled from the sea,  
 Then to propitiate with a heap,  
 A sacrifice of costly sheep ?

Be sure the heart without deceit  
 Which bears the altar incense meet,  
 Shall still prevail to cleanse offence,  
 O'er offerings of magnificence ;  
 The consecrated cake agrees,  
 Rather, kind Penates t' appease,  
 And, emblem of devout-desire,  
 Pure salt which crackles in the fire.

## HORACE, B. 3. ODE 39.

*To Melpomene.*

Horace rejoices in the prospect of immortality  
of fame.

I've rais'd a trophy firm o'er brass,  
To brave th' attacks of time,  
And regal-pyramids surpass,  
In dignity sublime.

2.

Not wasting rain, nor northern-gale,  
Nor lapse of countless years,  
Nor flight of seasons, shall prevail  
Against the light it rears.

3.

Not altogether shall I die,  
My spirit shall survive  
Libilitina, fair-fame t' apply,  
That shall for ever live.

4.

Perpetual praise shall me renew  
Long as the priest ascends  
The Capitol, in silence due,  
The Vestal-maid attends.

5.

Where Aufidus of rapid wave,  
Daunus, but ill supplied  
With water, rul'd a people brave,  
My genius shall preside.

6.

Exalted from an humble state,  
To me shall still belong,  
Œolic measures first to mate,  
With our Italian-song.

7.

Melpomene! bear that renown  
Your merits high which claim,  
With Delphic laurel deign to crown  
The head you rais'd to fame.

## HORACE, B. 4. ODE 1.

*To Venus.*

That he was arrived at an age when he ought no  
longer to think of amours.

Venus, long disus'd to arms,  
Are you stirring fresh alarms?  
Spare me, I beseech, I pray,  
I am not in youth's hey-day,  
Under the dominion kind  
Cynara claim'd o'er my mind.  
Queen of soft desires, forbear,  
Verging fifty, deign to spare,  
One too rigid for thy yoke—  
Go, where youth's fond prayers invoke,  
Seasonably, demand your vows,  
Where young Maximus keeps house,  
Speed on splendid cygnets, claim  
One more suitable t' inflame;

Noble, graceful, he's indeed,  
Misery's cause he deigns to plead,  
Youth of manly graces rare,  
Far and wide your cause to bear:  
He shall laugh when he prevails  
Where a rivals treasure fails,  
And erect a marble shrine  
To the queen of love benign,  
Where a dome the Citrons make  
Near the placid Alban lake,  
Where choice incense you shall smell,  
Charm'd with music's themes as well;  
Berecynthian pipe and lyre,  
With sweet flageolet shall quire,  
Youths and maidens shall not fail  
Twice a day your praise to hail,  
Salian-like, with snowy feet,  
Thrice the shaking ground to beat.  
Maid nor woman me shall move,  
Nor fond hope of mutual love,  
Nor in wine will I contend,  
Flow'rets round my temples bend.  
Yet why, Ligurina dear,  
Down my cheek should fall the tear?  
Why my fluent tongue delay,  
Falt'ring, what I long to say?  
Thee I clasp in dreams by night,  
O'er the Campus take my flight,  
Thee, O cruel fair, pursue,  
O'er the rolling billows too.

## HORACE, B. 4. ODE 1.

*To Venus.*

He had reached an age when love no longer should  
disturb.

Venus, after long cessation,  
Restless, stirring strife again!  
Spare me, meet my supplication,  
Let your slave not urge in vain.

2.

I am not the man indeed  
'Neath Cynara's empire gay:  
Cruel, soft desires to feed  
Where stern fifty thwarts your sway.

3.

Go, where youth's fond powers invoke,  
Seasonably, to Paul's good house,  
Fly, your splendid cygnets yoke  
Where a heart congenial glows.

4.

Gallant in each manly-grace,  
Ne'er indiff'rence shuts his breast  
'Gainst the forlorn defendant's case,—  
Him with all your powers invest.

5.

All-accomplish'd, he shall bear  
Far and wide your fond alarms,  
Nor for wealthiest rival care,  
Jubilant in youthful-charms.

6.

Vain, 'gainst him the sordid bribe :  
He shall raise thy marble-shrine  
Where in domes the citron-tribe  
Rise by th' Alban lake divine.

7.

Plenteous incense you shall smell,  
Charm'd with music of the lyre,  
Berecynthian pipe's soft spell,  
Flageolets which breathe desire.

8.

Jocund youths and maidens sweet  
Your divinity shall hail,  
Twice each day with snowy feet  
Salian dances shall not fail.

9.

Me, not woman ripe in charms,  
Kind returns from girl divine,  
Victory's wreath in wine that warms,  
More this age-chilled heart incline.

10.

But, fair Ligurina, why,  
Tears oft stealing down my cheek,  
Fails my fluent tongue reply,  
As though for the words at seek.

11.

Thee I clasp in dreams by night,  
Bear thee o'er the martial-plain,  
Cruel fair, with thee take flight,  
O'er the billows of the main.

## HORACE, B. 4. ODE 3.

*To Melpomene.*

To whom Horace acknowledges himself indebted  
for his place and rank among Poets.

Him, O Melpomene, at birth  
Whom your kind looks assign'd to mirth,  
At th' Isthmian contest to prevail  
A mighty wrestler none shall hail,  
Nor shall the rapid courser bear  
Triumphant in the Grecian car,  
Nor him the Delian laurel shew  
Of high achievements 'gainst the foe  
Grac'd in the Capitol—subdued  
Of mighty kings the threat'nings rude,  
But waters, such as Tibur pours  
Through the dense groves which line his  
shores,  
Distinguish'd render, that his verse  
Æolian, blythsome youths rehearse,  
The sons of Rome, of cities queen,  
Who deign me rank with bards serene,  
Allow me privilege to stand  
One of their amiable band.  
Her teeth in vain let envy grind,  
Since thou, delightful muse, art kind ;  
Thou, whose the power the echoing spell,  
To modulate from gilded shell,  
Who fishes mute cans't bid at will  
Soft notes of dying cygnets thrill.

"Tis by thy sovereign gift entire—  
"The stringer of the Roman-lyre,"  
The pointing passengers exclaim  
Where'er I pass : 'tis to thy fame  
I breathe, give pleasure, that I do  
Is altogether known thy due.

## HORACE, B. 4. ODE 3.

*To Melpomene.*

Melpomene ! with look benign,  
Him whom you cheer'd at birth,  
In wrestling, never shall combine  
On the fam'd Isthmian earth.

2.

Nor the swift horse in triumph bear  
Thron'd in the Grecian-car,  
Nor Delian laurel shall declare  
Of mighty deeds in war.

3.

" He quell'd the threats of monarchs rude,"  
No throngs in peals proclaim,  
Nor Capitol their gratitude  
Charge to record his fame.

4.

But waters, such as flow serene  
Through Tibur's fertile-shore ;  
'Midst the dense groves of living green,  
Charm'd by Æolic lore.

5.

Of cities queen, the sons of Rome  
T' award my station deign,  
Where poets make their peaceful home  
An amicable train.

6.

Her teeth in vain shall envy grind,  
Since thou, the muse divine,  
Who rul'st t' harmonious shell, art kind,  
My numbers to combine.

7.

Thou, who canst instantly at will,  
The fish, else mute, endow,  
The cygnet's tender notes to thrill,  
With ebbing life, that flow.

8.

'Tis thine alone fond Romans point—  
" The stringer of the lyre :"  
I breathe, give pleasure, thine t' anoint  
With true poetic-fire.

## A FACT IN AMERICA.

A Physician having married, a Lady unaware of  
her being the Daughter of her Father's Slave,  
and being compelled to purchase her freedom  
from her unnatural Parent.

A Freeman to his purchas'd Wife  
Thus manumission gave—  
Madam, I make you free for life,  
Whilst I remain your Slave.

## HORACE, B. 4, ODE 7.

*To Torquatus.*

Whom the Poet exhorts to live in a cheerful and generous manner, by representing to him the certainty of death.

The snow to breathing austre yields,  
Leaves clothe the trees and herbs the fields,  
Earth moves her changes, rivers glide  
With less'ning streams the meadow side,  
Aglaja and her nymphs advance,  
Her sisters dare the naked-dance.  
Here nothing permanent expect,  
That much from fleeting hours collect,  
With restless speed which chase away  
The pleasures of the social-day.  
Cold winds are sooth'd by zephyr's wing,  
Close follows summer upon spring,  
Itself to shortly die, when pours  
Prolific-autumn, nature's stores,  
Until with all its dreary train,  
The sluggish winter comes again.  
Yet quick-revolving moons repair  
Their wanings in th' æthereal-rare.  
But when the regions we go down  
Where pious Æneas, long-since gone,  
Tullus and wealthy Ancus wait,  
Dust, shadow rare, describe our state.  
And who can tell that heaven may please,  
To morrow this day's score t' encrease?  
Whilst all wherein we cheer the soul  
Escapes th' expectant heir's control.  
When once, Torquatus, death is past,  
And Minos giv'n decision last,  
Nor parentage, persuasion's power,  
Nor piety, can life restore,  
For ev'n Diana can't recall  
Hippolitus from Hades' thrall,  
Nor, Theseus, Lethæan gyves severe  
Break-off thy limbs, Pirithous dear!

## HORACE, B. 4. ODE 9. v. 29.

IMITATED.

1.

Valour and cowardice alike  
Mingle forgotten in the tomb :  
But death! dear friend, shall never strike  
Your virtues in the gen'ral doom.

2.

Your prudent mind and steady nerve  
Success or danger can't surprize ;  
Your just decisions never swerve  
Through int'rest, or the knave's disguise.

3.

A friend—no solitary act  
Bespeaks the value in return ;  
But constant kindness will exact  
That gratitude for ever burn.

4.  
Seductive fortune woos in vain,  
Or power in threat'ning aspect rears—  
Fortune's repul's'd by just disdain,  
And power a brave defiance bears !

5.  
Wealth cannot happiness command—  
The blessing he alone may claim  
Who knows that, trusted to his hand,  
'Tis his but to direct its aim !

6.  
Serene in poverty severe—  
He dreads dishonour but not death ;  
That meets, devoid of slavish fear,  
When friends or country claim his breath.

## HORACE, B. 5. ODE 3.

*To Mecænas.*

His aversion to garlick.

If any wretch, with impious stroke,  
His aged father's neck hath broke,  
His doom be garlick to devour,  
More noxious than rank hemlock's power.  
O what strong bowels mowers claim !  
What sets my stomach all in flame ?  
Have I, by these vile herbs deceiv'd,  
The viper's subtle phlegm receiv'd ?  
Or hath Canidia's spiteful mood  
For me prepar'd this loathsome food ?

When, o'er the argonauts admir'd,  
Their leader brave Medea fir'd,  
Jason she scented with this charm,  
Fresh steers to yoke, nor meet with harm ;  
On Jason's mistress vengeance took  
By presents smear'd with this rebuke ;  
Then on her winged-charger flew,  
The dragon to her purpose true.  
No influence streaming from the sky  
E'er constellation could supply,  
To parch Apulia's arid plains,  
As this which rages in my veins ;  
Not Dejanira's gift severe  
Could Hercules more fiercely sere.

Jocose Mecænas, e'er should you  
Be fain to gorge this loathsome stew,  
May your sweet lass oppose her hand  
Your fondest kisses to withstand,  
And farthest-off in bed retire,  
Since rank with garlick you perspire.

## HORACE, B. 5. ODE 13.

*To a Friend.*

That the troubles of life are assuaged by singing  
and conviviality.

A dreadful storm o'er heav'n is thrown,  
Rain, snows, the very skies bring-down,

The seas, the forests, now engage  
The Thracian north-wind's bellowing rage.  
Let us, my friends, occasion take,  
Mirth on this dismal day to make;  
While knees are strong, and, meet, as youth,  
Let age his shrunken forehead smoothe,  
Do you produce the vintage press'd?  
When Torquatus was Consul bless'd;  
On dismal thoughts forbear to pour:  
The Deity will soon restore  
All which these seeming ills derange,  
Propitious, by a happy change.

With Persian odours now 'tis right  
From care, our spirits low t' excite,  
Our hearts to win from sorrows dire,  
By Mercury's devoted lyre,  
As thus the noble Centaur's tongue,  
To his great pupil, courage sung,  
Mortal, invincible address'd;  
Of Azure Thetis, son confess'd.

The seat which thine adjudge the fates,  
Land of Assaracus, awaits,  
The glebe scamander cold divides,  
Through which the rapid Simois glides,  
Whence your return the sisters break  
By threads no power that whole can make,  
Nor shall your mother's will prevail,  
O'er ocean, homeward that you sail.  
By music drive-away, and wine,  
Each hideous melancholic-sign.

### THEOCRITUS, OR, ANACREON HIMSELF, ON THE DEATH OF ADONIS.

When Venus' presence brought before  
Adonis' corpse with hair of gore,  
The loves she ord'red to the chase,  
The monster at her feet to place;  
They, running with immediate zeal,  
Through every copse, his doom to seal,  
Soon caught the hateful boar, and bound,  
And round and round with cordage wound;  
One tugg'd before with labour slow,  
Another lash'd him with his bow,  
With trembling steps, and long between  
He went, for much he fear'd the queen.

Venus reproach'd him thus austere—  
Vile brute, of brutes the most severe,  
Hast thou not torn his beauteous thigh;  
Hast thou not made my favourite die?

The trembling brute with manner mild,  
The Queen of Beauty thus beguil'd:

Venus, by thy bright charms, I swear,  
Thy lover, and these hunters dear,  
The least desire I did not prove  
To gore the husband of thy love;  
But as his beauty I beheld,  
By passion unawares impell'd,

And longing only to caress  
His thigh of naked loveliness,  
Desire an injury become,  
And urged me to provoke my doom.

Venus, these guilty teeth receive,  
Pluck, tear them out, nor remnant leave,  
Why should I noxious weapons bear,  
Not needful wholesome food to tear,  
Or take my hank'ring lips indeed,  
Or, Venus, give my heart to bleed.

But Venus, pitying his despair,  
Bade the kind loves his bonds to tear,  
And, hence, with Venus he sojourn'd,  
Nor longer to the woods return'd,  
And, basking in the blaze of love,  
Noxious no longer shall he prove.

### THE DIRGE OF ADONIS.

*From Bion's Pastorals.*

I mourn Adonis through the groves,  
Adonis mourn the tender loves,  
Adonis, on the mountain heath,  
Divine Adonis, lies in death,  
Torn, in the whiteness of his thigh,  
Torn by a tusk, doth slowly die;  
For him the lovely Venus grieves,  
Nor comfort for his loss receives.  
See down his thigh the sanguine-stream,  
His kindling eyes no longer beam,  
His glist'ning eyes are wrapt in shades,  
And from his lips the rose-bloom fades;  
The kiss that Venus will not cease,  
The kiss of love no more shall please,  
To Venus, grateful still that kiss,  
Though conscious he no more of bliss.

Alas! alas! thy lovely boy,  
Venus, is dead indeed to joy.  
When she beheld the grievous wound,  
Remediless the mischief found,  
The blood upon his quiv'ring thigh,  
The blood, that living-ivory dye,  
Extending wide her snowy arms,  
She wakes the grove with loud alarms.

For me, Adonis, life retain,  
For me, one moment, death detain,  
Yield for one kiss that quiv'ring lip,  
Life's last fond kiss, O let me sip.

Adonis, long the way thou fiest,  
To Acheron's drear confines hiest,  
The bounds that Pluto stern controls,  
The realm of disembodied souls,  
And must I yet immortal prove,  
Unprivileg'd to join my love.

O Proserpine, receive my friend,  
Protection, past my power, extend,  
Since all on earth, or great, or good,  
Seeks to thee in a constant flood.

O youth belov'd, he dies, he dies,  
With him love's dream of pleasure flies,  
My Cestus is with him destroy'd,  
In hunting, why, dear youth employ'd,  
O why, in youth's divinest bloom,  
To chase ferocious beasts presume ?

Thus Venus mourns affectionate,  
And thus the loves bewail her mate.

Venus, alas ! alas ! indeed  
Is beautiful Adonis dead !  
As many tears doth Venus pour  
As from his thigh the drops of gore,  
And these alike receiv'd on earth  
The loveliest blossoms give to birth ;  
The crimson-flood produc'd the rose,  
Anemonies her tears compose.

The muses for Adonis mourn,  
For him are all the loves forlorn.

No longer, Venus, through the grove,  
No longer weep your slaught'red love,  
For him a leafy-couch is spread,  
A couch for blythe Adonis dead ;  
Adonis, beautiful in death,  
As in soft slumber drawn his breath,  
Though dead, in loveliness the same,  
Soft purple wraps his polish'd frame ;  
The weeping loves around him sigh,  
The weeping loves sob heavily,  
The tender loves in lorn despair  
For lost Adonis rend the hair.

To gather arrows one is fled,  
While for his bow another sped,  
His well-charg'd quiver, too, hath found,  
A third, the sandals hath unbound ;  
One in a golden-vessel pours  
Pure water from the fountain-stores ;  
Another, with a frequent sigh,  
Is cleansing, from the gore, his thigh ;  
Whilst one with flutt'ring wings behind  
Is fanning with the gentlest wind.

For Venus, too, they mourn the torch  
Of love, extinguish'd in the porch ;  
Each nuptial-chaplet Hymen rends,  
And all festivity offends.

No longer, Hymen, dies the song,  
Melodious, on each raptur'd tongue,  
Alas, alas ! the dismal dole,  
For woes no comfort can control.

The graces move in sorrow deep,  
The son of Cinyras to weep ;  
Like stone insensible he lies,  
For past his latest agonies,  
Though not with loss of life content,  
But Proserpine will not relent.

#### LYNCH'S LAW.

When Scots the border would o'erawe,  
*They gave our English Jedburgh law,*

First hung the Pris'ner, then conspir'd  
The verdict which the law requir'd.

But o'er the water, on a pinch,\*  
The Yankees deal the law of Lynch,  
Abjuring forms, play hell's delight,  
A Negro broil t' allay their spite.

#### THE REPUBLIC.

It is not good that many should bear sway.—*Homer*

When passions reason's power defeat,  
And appetite usurps her seat,  
And vile propensities control  
The functions of the captive soul ;  
When foul confusion clouds the brain,  
Of frenzy fierce the wild-domain,  
Convulsion struggles in each nerve,  
Nor aught will nature's course observe,  
The Court of Chancery, (sometimes just,)  
Conveys the patient into trust.

Of England, loyal subjects free,  
Here a Republic's likeness see.

#### THE REPUBLICAN.

“ Republican's” my boast, in all, I claim  
My will to do, make all to do the same.

#### ANACREON, ODE 2,

##### *On Women.*

Horns of oxen prove the force,  
Hooves of nature claims the horse,  
Speed avails the timid hare,  
A chasm of teeth grim lion's bear.  
Fish with rapid fins prevail,  
Birds on pinions mount the gale,  
Man's prerogative is mind !—

Nature stints not womankind,  
Gives them countervailing arms,  
Panoply of beauty's charms,  
Sheds o'er them subduing grace,  
Conquest's trophies to displace ;

Iron, fire, and all that's dread,  
Beauty on your might shall tread.

#### WOMAN.

##### TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

What need a diadem to grace  
Her brows, whom every heart obeys,  
Where Woman fills the royal shrine,  
Complete in loveliness divine ?

Of rank or age is man the same,  
His bosom glows at woman's name,  
Her slave alike in age as youth,  
He serves her at his utmost truth ;  
Through life's fond scenes, and life beyond,  
To her alike her thoughts respond,

\* Pro re wata.

To her, through life, he lifts his eyes,  
And trusts to meet her in the skies.

He quits a throne, in power complete,  
A slave to worship at her feet,  
Not master ev'n of self remains,  
For man's a slave where woman reigns.

Though diamonds in profusion spread,  
Her eyes the reigning influence shed,  
To deeds of high-desert excite,  
And merit with its boon requite.

### LOVE'S FAREWELL.

In vain doth beauty young and gay,  
Her heart-subduing charms display,  
The generous vigour of my blood,  
Subsiding as an ebbing-flood.

Her glances bright are cast in vain,  
My heart shall never more be slain,  
Callous become, through age and care,  
No pore to hold a shaft is there.

### KALYDOR.

*To Mr. Rowland.*

From southern climes when pour th' æthereal streams,  
And rip'ning summer drinks the golden-beams,  
All nature droops beneath th' o'erpowering heat,  
Nor from its influence beauty can retreat ;  
The languid airs the deepest grove pervade,  
And tinge the lillies of the fairest maid.

Or when from east the piercing currents flow,  
In vain shall beauty seek the fireside glow ;  
No more indeed she feels the rigid gale,  
But creeping harshness o'er her skin prevail,  
Yet once applied, a genial freshness shews,  
The lillies blending with the breathing rose.  
Warm from the heart rise grateful feelings  
for,  
Rowland and Son's almost divine Kalydor.

The fashion of this world passeth away.

### THE LAMENTATION OF DAVID OVER SAUL AND JONATHAN.

Thus David gave, in generous woe,  
His tears o'er prostrate Saul to flow,  
And o'er brave Jonathan the son,  
This dirge his loyal-friendship won.

Israel ! thy glory on the height,  
How quench'd ! How fall'n the sons of might !  
Tell not in Gath our slaught'red host,  
In Ashcalon, our glory lost,  
With joy, lest proud Philistia ring,  
Philistia's daughters triumph sing.

Ye heights of Gilboa, let no dew,  
Nor fruitful show'r descend on you,  
Nor off'rings let your fields display,  
For there the shield was cast-away,  
The shield of mighty Saul flung-down,  
As not th' anointed of his crown.

With noble-blood, a glorious stain,  
From warrior-chiefs in battle slain,  
The shafts of Jonathan were cloy'd,  
The sword of Saul return'd not void.

Lovely and pleasant in their lives,  
Nor Saul, nor Jonathan, survives :  
Swifter than eagles to the fight,  
Stronger than lions in their might.

For Saul, ye maids of Israel, mourn,  
With scarlet, wont your charms to adorn,  
With all to raise delight array'd,  
With costliest jewels overlaid.

How fall'n the mighty 'midst the host !  
Brave Jonathan ! thy country's boast :  
For me, my brother, I'm distressed,  
Brave Jonathan ! with grief oppress'd,  
Our wondrous friendship how refin'd,  
Beyond the love of woman kind !

How perish'd are the sons of might,  
The champions of their country's right !

### PSALM 85. TO THE PRECENTOR.

*A Psalm for the Son of Korah.*

Iahuiah ! gracious to thy land  
Becomes thy providential-hand,  
Again will thy compassion yearn  
Jacob's captivity to turn.

2.

Thy people's guilt, thyself dost bear,  
To cover all their sins prepare,  
Thy wrath withdrawn, no more shall burn,  
From fierce-displeasure thou dost turn.

3.

Turn us, our Saviour, God of grace !  
Nor let thine anger more have place,  
For ever, wilt thou wrath retain ?  
Shall wrath all generations reign ?

4.

Wilt thou not turn with quick'ning-voice,  
That, in thee, may thy flock rejoice ?  
Iahuiah ! now thy mercy shew,  
Salvation give thy flock to know.

5.

List what Iahuiah God shall say  
Peace to His people to convey,  
That mercy may their heart's retain,  
To folly, ne'er to turn again.

6.  
Salvation's power indeed is near,  
For worshippers of heart sincere,  
That glory in our land may dwell,  
And grace its holy-triumph tell.

7.

Strict truth and mercy kind unite,  
Justice and peace affection plight,  
Truth, from our favour'd land springs forth,  
From heaven, beams righteousness on earth.

8.

Yea, the chief-good\* Iahuiyah shews,  
Whose increase from our country flows,  
The righteous-one† proclaims his day—  
"He sets his footsteps on the way!"

#### EXEMPLARS OF A TRANSLATION OF AIUB.

CHAP. iv. v. 12.

To me, a solemn charge ordain'd,  
Mine ear a part thereof retain'd.  
Musing on visions which arise,  
When slumbers deep seal mortal-eyes,  
Trembling and fear upon me came  
That my bones shook'throughout my frame.  
A spirit pass'd before my face,  
It halted at my fearful gaze,  
My hair, with terror, bristling rose,  
My bosom heav'd convulsive throes :  
It stood, but I could not define  
The semblance of the form-divine :  
I look'd, the awful vision spoke,  
The presence the dread silence broke.

Shall man, before his God, be just,  
His Maker pure, the child of dust?  
When, lo! no confidence demand.  
The ministers who near Him stand.  
In purity, the angels fail,  
The angels, before Him, are frail.

What then the dwellers that in clay  
Sojourn? the Beings of to-day!  
Can those, before their God, be just,  
Whose habitation is the dust?  
Before the flitting moth they fail,  
To crush them, shall the moth prevail.  
From dawn to evening they consume,  
They perish, none regard their doom :  
Doth not their excellency wane?  
They die, nor wisdom can attain.

CHAP. xix. v. 23.

Oh that my words were written fair,  
Impress'd, my witness to declare,  
Grav'd with an iron-style, and lead,  
Deep-cut, the native-rock o'erspread.

This record my conviction gives—  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

\* Salvation or Jesus Christ.

† St. John the Baptist.

At the last-day, from op'ning skies,  
In judgment o'er the dust to rise,  
Then shall my skins invest this clod,  
That I, in flesh, may see my God,  
Whom, as my friend, I shall adore,  
Mine eyes behold, estrang'd no more,  
Within me though my reins consume  
The term appointed nature's doom.

CHAP. xxviii.

Indeed, the silver hath a mine,  
The gold a place where men refine,  
Iron is taken from the dust,  
Brass molten from the rocky-crust.  
Mankind the bounds of darkness pass,  
Search to the limits of the mass,  
Regions where light ne'er shone pervade,  
The glebes of darkness and death-shade.  
They break through at the mountain-root,  
Go down, forgotten of the foot,  
From paths of mortal-men profound,  
Explore strange regions underground,  
Bread springeth from the soil above,  
Fiery the nether-regions prove,  
The stones, of sapphires are the place,  
And gold the matrix bright displays,  
In paths the vulture never knew,  
Nor the hawk's-eye hath pierced through,  
The lion's race hath never pass'd,  
Nor the black-lion's courage trac'd.  
The granite feels man's powerful hand,  
Uprooted mountains spread the land,  
Through rocks, a gallery, man pursues,  
His eye each precious substance views,  
Currents, from leaking, he confines,  
That light on every secret shines.

Yet, wisdom, where shalt thou be found,  
What regions understanding bound?

Her price no mortal can propose,  
Not one among the living knows.  
The depths confess she is not there,  
She's not with us, the seas declare.  
Not solid-gold her price is made,  
For her no silver can be weigh'd,  
Her value never can be told  
By glebes of Auphir's purest gold,  
Nor can the precious onyx vie,  
Nor sapphire her demand supply,  
Not burnish'd gold, nor chrystral pure,  
Nor jewels, her exchange procure,  
Coral and pearl must not be nam'd,  
For wisdom's above rubies fam'd.  
More powerful her attractions draw  
Than proves the diamond's secret law.  
Chusestan's topaz cannot gain,  
Pure virgin-gold her worth attain.

Then where, O peerless wisdom, found,  
What regions understanding bound?

From all that e'er can live, conceal'd,  
Nor to the bird's keen eye reveal'd,

Death and destruction's power declare,  
Her faint report hath reach'd our ear.  
The Powers Divine beholds her seat,  
He knows the place of her retreat,  
His glance to earth's extreme is given ;  
Beholding all that's under heaven,  
The balance of the air t' assign,  
The sea's proportion to define,  
T' establish the decree for rain,  
The path of lightning's shaft t' ordain :  
He then saw Wisdom, to declare,  
The proof t' establish did prepare,  
And unto Adam gave behest—  
The fear of God is Wisdom's guest,  
And understanding lay to heart  
From all that's evil to depart !

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### THE SONG OF MOSES, Exodus 15.

Then Moses sung, and Israel's race,  
This triumph to Iahuiah's grace.

Iahuiah praise, for great his deeds,  
For he triumphantly proceeds,  
The charger and his rider proud  
He casts into the raging flood.

Iah, I hail, my song, my tower,  
Iahuiah's name, salvation's power,  
My God ! his dwelling will I found,  
My father's God ! his praise will sound.

Iahuiah, might of war, proclaim,  
Iahuiah has tremendous name !  
For Pharaoh's chariots and his host  
He hath into the ocean toss'd,  
Whose captains, known for mighty-deeds,  
Are drown'd amidst the sea of weeds.  
The depths' dark shades are o'er them thrown,  
Sunk to the bottom as a stone.

Iahuiah ! thy right-arm of might  
Is glorious in the cause of right.  
Iahuiah ! thy right-hand hath crush'd  
The foe that on thy people rush'd ;  
For thine, in majesty most dread,  
Upon presumptuous foes to tread,  
Thy wrath gone-forth fulfill'd their doom,  
Their host like stubble to consume.  
Heap'd were the waters at thy wrath,  
Set standing as a heap of froth,  
The depths were heated as the shore,  
Dried at the very ocean's core.

The foe made boast—I will pursue,  
Will seize the trembling prey in view,  
The booty portion at my will,  
My soul to satisfaction fill,  
Will draw my sword and dispossess,  
Yea, mine own arm shall work redress.

Thou did'st but breathe, the ocean drown'd,  
They sank as lead in the profound.

Iahuiah ! 'mong the sons of light,  
Who's like thee, 'mong the sons of might ?  
Glorious in holiness and praise,  
Awful in thy mysterious ways !  
Thou stretchedst forth thy dread right-hand,  
Earth swallow'd them at thy command.

Thy love and might this ransom'd race  
Guide to thy holy dwelling-place.  
Nations shall hear with trembling knees,  
All Palestina, terror seize.  
Ædom's proud chiefs with anguish quake,  
And panic Moab's warriors take,  
Their kingdoms doom'd thy people's prey,  
All Canaan's tribes shall melt away,  
Dismay and anguish all alarm,  
Still as a stone beneath thine arm,  
Until thy ransom'd people pass,  
The people ransom'd through thy grace.  
Them shalt thou bring to, safely found,  
In t' hill thy heritage that's bound,  
The seat appointed for thy grace,  
Iahuiah ! fix'd thy dwelling-place,  
The Lord's own sanctuary declar'd,  
Pavilion by His hands prepared,  
Where thou, for good and all, shalt reign,  
Thy kingdom upon earth maintain.

For Pharaoh's host and chariots rode,  
His host the bed of ocean trod,  
And on them did Iahuiah turn  
The waters to their ancient bourne ;  
Whilst Israel's race, conducted high,  
March'd through the ocean firm and dry.

And Miriam, Aaron's sister, sung,  
The prophetess, on timbrel rung,  
To Israel's daughters in her train  
Responding the triumphant-strain,  
With timbrels, pipes, thus peal'd their praise  
To celebrate Iahuiah's grace.

Iahuiah praise, for great his deeds,  
For he triumphantly proceeds,  
Both charger and his rider proud  
He hurls beneath the raging flood.

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### JEPHTHAH.

#### JUDGES 11.

To God, thus Jephthah vow'd his suit  
Unqualified and absolute.

If, through thy glorious name address'd,  
O'er Ammon's children victor bless'd,  
Then whatsoever from my house  
Comes forth, when triumph hails my vows,  
And bless'd with peace I shall return—  
Shall off'ring to Iahuiah burn.

The chief return'd with conquering vows  
To Mizpeh, to salute his house;  
And, lo ! his only daughter came  
To hail him with the conqueror's name,

His only child, with dance and song,  
The foremost of a joyful throng.

Surpris'd with woe, his clothes he rent,  
And made this agoniz'd lament :  
Alas ! my daughter, worse than foe,  
Thou'st brought me to the depths of woe,  
My op'ned mouth Iahuiah claims,  
The pledge retraction never shames.

My father, duteous, she replied,  
That in Iahuiah didst confide,  
On me thy solemn vow fulfil  
For Ammon yielded to thy will.

Father, she said, be this forborne,  
Two months, with maids to range forlorn,  
And wail upon the mountain height  
Forbidden virgin-truth to plight.

Go, said he: to the wilds she went,  
With fond companions to lament  
Her virgin-charms, by none caress'd,  
To bloom devoted and unbless'd.  
That sojourn past, her father found  
To yield, as by his promise bound ;  
Nor to her virgin-love dar'd claim  
A man, the faithful husband's name.

From this the custom every year,  
For Israel's daughters, far and near,  
Four days in pilgrimage to mourn  
The daughter of the vow forlorn.

**CHARLES GEORGE DYER,**  
*Great Nephew of the Poet of Grongar Hill,  
died October 29th, 1840, aged 53.*

Dyer, for thirty years my friend,  
Life's fellowship hath found its end.  
Fine was thy taste, the muses mild  
On thy congenial efforts smil'd :  
" Illustrious\* men" were thy delight,  
The sons of intellectual-might ;  
And thine impartial purpose drew  
Their characters to history true.  
Kind " Woman,"† too, thy heart confess'd,  
Alone could render manhood bless'd,  
Nor e'er could thy long-widow'd love  
A second bond of union prove.  
Thy country's welfare, though at heart  
Thy purpose dutifully t' impart,  
Like others of her children blind,  
Too oft t' excuse her foes inclin'd.  
When will th' infatuate race forsake  
Their parent's adverse-part to take,  
With patricidal zeal to spurn,  
Her merits never to discern ?  
The world such weakness cannot peer,  
Though, Dyer, was thy heart sincere.

Adieu, my friend, though free thy speech,  
Thy loyalty might none impeach.

\* Published by him.

† One of his Poems.

#### JOSHUA x. v. 12. 13. 14.

Thus to th' Almighty Joshua spake  
In that tremendous day,  
When God, for chosen Israel's sake,  
Would Amor's children slay.

2.

Sun ! stand thou still on Gibeon's head,  
Moon ! in Aialun.  
The Sun stood still, the Moon delay'd,  
'Till Israel conquest won.

3.

The Sun 'midst heaven pour'd forth his beam,  
Nor gave an usual-day.\*  
No day like that in time's long stream,  
Could nature's power display.

4.

God suffered that a creature's voice  
Should stay the course of light,  
Whilst, for the people of his choice,  
He put their foes to flight.

#### JOSHUA.

Thus to Iahuiah Joshua spake,  
When in the day for Israel's sake,  
Iahuiah yielded Amor's race  
To perish before Israel's face.

Sun ! stand thou Gibeon's height upon,  
Moon ! in the vale of Aialun.

The sun stood still, the moon delay'd  
'Till Israel from the slaughter stay'd.

The sun in heaven's meridian shin'd,  
Nor, as an usual-day, declin'd.\*  
No day like that was known before,  
Nor after hath been any more.  
Iahuiah to man's voice gave heed,  
Iahuiah fought for Israel's seed.

#### PROVERBS xxiv. v. 30.

The field I pass'd of one of sloth,  
The man to all exertion loth,  
The vineyard not by him enjoy'd,  
The man of understanding void,  
And, lo ! with thorns and nettles grown,  
And broken-down the wall of stone.

I gaz'd, and painful though to view,  
Sincere instruction thence I drew.  
A little sleep and soft repose,  
With folding of the arms to dose.  
So poverty shall come with power,  
Want, an arm'd-spoiler to devour !

\* Heb. A Day of Perfections, i. e. an usual day.

## GREENLAND.

When the Almighty Creator chartered man to the copy-hold of the world, at a quit-rent, not of payment but forbearance, (it not being possible that he that owed his very being to his Benefactor should be able any thing to pay, excepting in dutiful-obedience,) He used these memorable words, "*Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it!*"—*Subdue* that where warfare then could not have taken place? Subjugation, therefore, must here import conversion and appropriation. Then the material-creation must be converted unto our purpose and appropriated unto our use. Not that we have any reason to suppose that this world was constituted as our eternal habitation, even before the ordinance of death; nor that it is to our present purpose to discuss the postulatum, which, probably, it would be no very difficult matter to establish, that animals, in a secondary sense, produce their own sustenance: although it must be obvious that not one material-being can ever take *out* of the world more than that nothing which it brought in. For organised bodies do not really consume any portion of their apparent sustenance, that which appearing to be consumed being only temporarily absorbed into their constitution, and is all ultimately returned to the general elements of nature at the animal's decease, or that it is necessary to take into consideration the fact, that new-continents are arising from the bottom of the sea, which, probably, at no very distant period, will become habitable for mankind, so that we may smile at the foreboding theories of those who dread the over-abundant population of the world, for the provision of whose increasing inhabitants the animal-tribes of the land and ocean at least proportionably increase. But let us cast our eyes round, and survey what a large proportion of this globe lies waste, and in comparison to what it might be rendered capable of producing by human exertion, almost altogether unproductive!

We will not suffer our eyes to dwell upon the vast and fertile empire of India, comparatively thinly peopled to Great-Britain, which is not to be mentioned with it in capability for the production of human-sustenance; yet which, notwithstanding its amazing fertility, through mis-management, and nothing else, is occasionally visited by the penalty of dearth. For experience establishes the fact, that mis-management alone can occasion famine in a populous land. The object of this paper is to desire your notice of that extensive country called Greenland, which, ages ago, was a thriving and populous colony, producing a revenue

sufficient for the maintenance of the Patriarchal household of the Sovereign of Denmark; but now lost unto the parent-state, and almost altogether secluded from the world at large, although the Inhabitants have sometimes been descried across the seemingly impasible barrier of ice.

If we examine the geography of the latitude of this country, we might ask, why should the coast of Greenland be more encumbered with ice than that of its antagonist country? It is from the navigation-charts rather than from ordinary maps that cosmography should be studied; and here we find the reason at once.

The sea on the coast of Norway is unfathomably deep, so much so, that one of the Fiords or Inlets has been sounded thirty miles inland without its depth having been ascertained: On the contrary, the ocean on the coast of Greenland, like that of most eastward shores, is but shallow; and thus we find the reason of its being blockaded by ice.

Ice is generally found to weigh two-thirds of its capacity of ordinary water, and as the coast of Greenland varies but from three hundred to six hundred feet in depth, none of the icebergs can be more than three hundred feet above the water. The ice is also locked-in in the winter-season, by Spitzbergen and Iceland, with other rocky-islets, which prevent the ice drifting towards the equator.

It would, therefore, seem that a small amount of combustible-power would prevail to liberate this extensive coast of Greenland from the accumulated winter of several hundred years. At the vernal-season, the blasting of artillery would liberate the greatest portion, and the largest iceberg might probably be dispersed into thousands of fragments by an ounce of fulminating powder. Even the concussion produced by a single musket has been experienced to shiver a mountain of ice into innumerable fragments, and little doubt can be entertained but by the blasting of artillery, not merely a great portion, but the whole continent of ice would be dislodged. A vast extent of field-ice might be broken-up by a catamaran, as the largest mountain-mass destroyed by an apparently insignificant quantity of detonating or fulminating powder.

But the recovery of the country of Greenland, extensive as it is, would be but an inferior benefit to the amelioration of our European climate, which would be the certain consequence of the dispersion of the North-Western ice.

The Alps and the Andes are passed without difficulty; the superior heights of Nepaul are

subdued, to become the habitation of mankind; and shall human energy be limited by a barrier of ice, when the gunpowder expended in the destruction of the Royal George, would probably have restored an entire continent to the civilized-world.

The ice is formed in the Northern-rivers, and upon the shallow coast of the Russian empire; it drifts past the North Cape, and the larger masses take the ground in the shoal-water off Greenland, which country possesses several rivers of open water in the summer-season, while their æstuaries are blockaded, not by bars of sand, but bridges of ice. A remarkable one of which bears

the name of Ice-Blink, and sheds its radiance to a vast extent.

The mighty ocean hath its ban imperatively given,

Hitherto shalt thou come, but no farther:  
And here shall thy proud waves be stayed;

But the charter of the human race extends to the subjugation and appropriation of the world entire, and the full powers of that energy which has never yet been taxed unto the extent of its ability, is lawful, yea, even commendable, in its utmost use.

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